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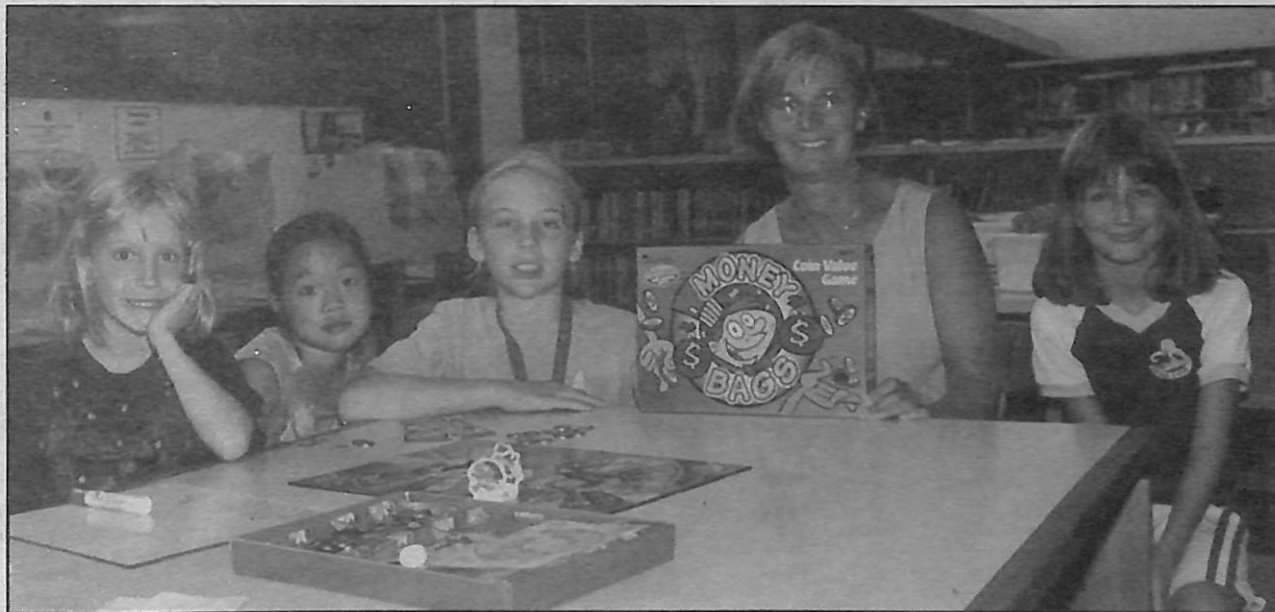
August 30, 2001

Reading Train at the Agawam Library



UNDER THE SUMMER READING TRAIN DISPLAY at the Agawam Public Library are (from left) Julianne Rossi and her daughter, Jennifer; Joey Joyal, Madeline Joyal, Chad Joyal; Rachel Bonafilia with her mother, Rebecca Bonafilia; Brittney Bussiere, Kelsey DeMatteo, Courtney Bussiere, Joshua DeMatteo, and Danielle Benoit. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Math is worth the "C.L.I.M.B."...



CAMP C.L.I.M.B. is a voluntary, summer program designed for students who wish to explore mathematical concepts in a non-competitive, small-group setting. The camp reviews third and fourth grade skills following the guidelines of the Massachusetts state frameworks through the use of games, technology tools, cooking, literature, and music. Above, camp teacher Jane Zabielski works with students in the Agawam Junior High Library (from left): Lauren Weiner, Karen Tang, Shelby Isbell, and Ricki Olson. (See related photo on Page 6) Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

"Sprucing up" the schools....



MAYOR RICHARD A. COHEN (left) is given a few pointers on how to use the equipment at the Agawam Middle School by Bill Metcalf (center), senior building custodian, and Douglas Conner, junior building custodian. (See related photos & story in "Education.") Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Red flags up about 11th-grade MCAS scores

by Hope E. Murray
Municipal Writer

New Agawam High School Principal Linda Prystupa and Assistant Superintendent of Schools Mary Czajkowski presented a report to the Agawam School Committee and voiced strong concerns over MCAS remediation for current AHS juniors at the Tuesday, August 28th School Committee meeting.

The state sent preliminary MCAS results to Agawam, indicating the possible failure of up to 200 students.

"We only received results of the multiple choice questions," said Ms. Czajkowski, who will take over as superintendent in September 2002 when Superintendent of Schools Frank Ameruso retires. "We won't receive the actual results and the names of students who failed until October. We're very frustrated with how to proceed."

Ms. Czajkowski and Mrs. Prystupa don't want to wait until then to take action. They asked the School



FOR MANY YEARS, the "Beat Carlo" logo was a trademark of former Springfield Union News sports writer Carlo Imelio, a 1954 graduate of Agawam High School. (See "The man behind Beat Carlo," part 4, in "Sports.")

Line drawing by Agawam resident Mike Nasuti courtesy of the Springfield Union News and Springfield Sunday Republican.

MCAS - from Page 1

Committee to help them find funds for two more MCAS teachers.

Currently, AHS has one half-time math MCAS teacher, and a second position has been advertised. Ms. Czajkowski said they will apply for a \$28,500 grant next month to help pay salaries, but it's not enough for two more teachers.

School Committee member Linda Galarneau said they must return to the budget and make cuts to find the money.

"We did look. There's no fat in this budget," Ameruoso said, adding that he asked for two teachers during the budget process, but they were not approved.

"Now we have to reorganize our priorities," Mrs. Galarneau said. "We need to prioritize a little differently."

Committee member Teresa Kozloski agreed.

"We have to nickel-and-dime everything in the budget. If that means cutting \$5,000 so some people can't go to some conference in California, so be it," Mrs. Kozloski said. "We may have to sacrifice something from the other schools. We have to go through

that budget."

AHS has offered after-school MCAS assistance, with little success, according to Ms. Czajkowski. She said that although she sent 130 letters to parents and students offering the help, only 35 students regularly attended the program.

"We have a responsibility to those students, whether they came to an after-school program or not," said School Committee vice chairwoman Roberta Doering.

Mrs. Prystupa said that 130 students in the junior class scored 14 or less out of 31 math questions. Of those, 93 had 10 to 14 correct. In the English-language section, 70 students scored a 23 or less out of 36.

"A little over one-third of the junior class may have failed the math," Mrs. Prystupa said.

She and Ms. Czajkowski hope to remediate through in-school MCAS help. They suggested that some students could take the MCAS class instead of an elected class, thus giving them 80 minutes of math classes each day.

The problem remains finding funds and teachers.

The matter will again be discussed at the next School Committee meeting.

LEGAL NOTICE**TOWN OF AGAWAM
AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD**

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, September 6, 2001 at 7:00 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Regal Homes and Development Corp. for a Definitive Subdivision Plan entitled "Camlann Wood." The proposed

subdivision will consist of nine lots to be located on an approximately 8.12 acre parcel on the northerly side of North Street between and across from Ridgeway Drive and Wilbert Terrace.

By Order of Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman
AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

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LEGAL NOTICE**Republican Town
Comm. slates
breakfast meeting**

The Agawam Republican Town Committee will hold a breakfast meeting on Saturday, September 8th, at 8:30 a.m. at the Oak Ridge Country Club in Feeding Hills.

John Maybury, a local businessman, will be the guest speaker. Maybury was invited to attend a forum of small business owners at the White House recently, where President George W. Bush addressed the issues of Trade Promotion Authority. He will give his views on international trade for U.S. businesses and the President's opinions in this area.

Scott Hibbert, Agawam Republican Town Committee Chairman, invites anyone interested in hearing this speaker to attend the meeting. New members and guests are asked to call Hibbert at 789-9800 to make breakfast reservations. Present committee members will be contacted by the telephone committee.

***Our office will be closed on
Monday, September 3rd due
to the Labor Day holiday.
We will reopen on Tuesday,
September 4th at 7:00 a.m.
Our deadline for the
September 6th issue will
be September 4th at 1
2:00 noon. Thank you..***

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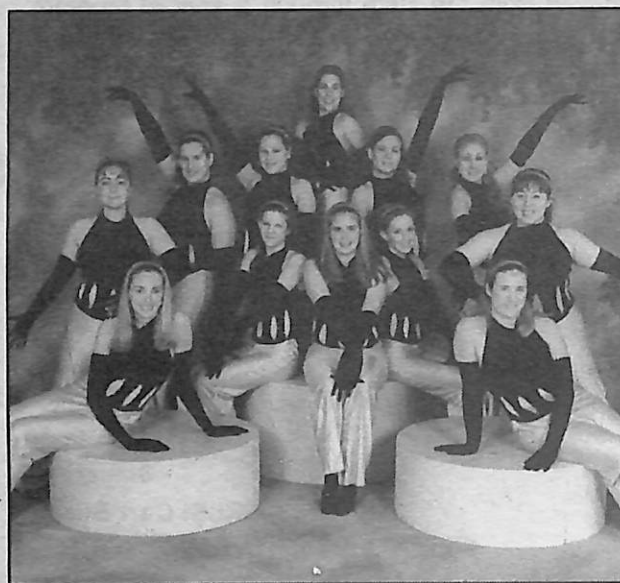


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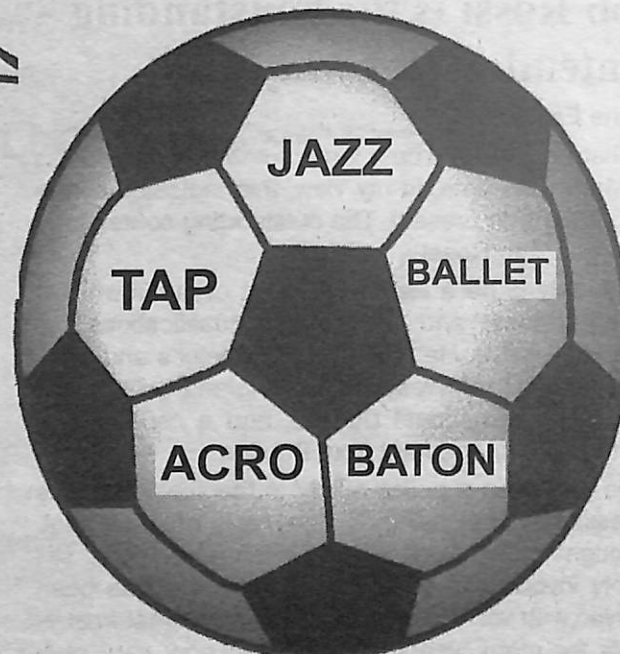
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Letters To The Editor

Council candidate supports preservation fund issue

To the Editor:

On September 4th, the Agawam City Council will have the opportunity to achieve something especially good for the community of Agawam. The Community Preservation Act passed last year provides matching funds to communities that create a fund to provide assistance in three areas. They are: the acquisition of open space, the construction of affordable housing, and the preservation of historic structures. Thirty-one communities have already approved the measure. The Commonwealth seldom offers such a program matching dollar for dollar of the amount raised. I see this as a good opportunity for Agawam.

The acquisition and preservation of open space is a top priority in Agawam and for me as a 45-year resident of our community. As Director of the Agawam Veterans' Services Dept. (1982-2000), I was involved and worked on many projects for the town; the veterans' cemetery was one. Mr. Edward Squazza wanted his property on Main Street to be preserved as open space and offered the property for a proposed state veterans' cemetery because of his pride of veterans and all they suffered for our freedom. We in Agawam are all proud to be the home of the first MASSACHUSETTS VETERANS' MEMORIAL CEMETERY, and as your Veterans' Agent I was soooooo proud to have been a part in getting it here.

There are several historic structures in town, such as the monument on Veterans' Green and the Annie Sullivan Memorial on Granger Green (as well as others throughout town). Also, gravesites of many of our earlier Agawam residents are in ill repair, with names almost illegible due to acid rain and our ever-changing climate. Preservation funds could allow us to power-wash these stones, as I had done several years ago for veterans' graves in Agawam cemeteries with funds I acquired from the state through a special program offered by the State Department of Veterans' Services.

Members of the subcommittee on the Preservation Act are to be commended for the common sense recommendations they presented. They kept the pocket-books of residents in mind. No one wants to see an increase in their real estate taxes, but this one-percent will not hurt anyone too much, especially for our seniors who choose to pay their taxes on a quarterly basis.

I feel confident that the City Council will approve this measure. I think they know a good thing when they see it.

Sincerely,
Ruth Carr Bitzas

Former Agawam Veterans' Director
and Candidate for Agawam City Council

Bob Rossi is the "oustanding contender" for Mayor

To the Editor:

There appears to be a large number of candidates for Mayor this year. In my view, this indicates something lacking at present. The outstanding contender, I submit, is Bob Rossi.

Not only is he a lifelong resident of our Town, but his educational and professional qualifications are most impressive. He holds both bachelor's and master's degrees from Western New England College and American International College, and a certificate of Command Management from Babson.

He has been a police officer in the Town all of his professional life, rising to the rank of lieutenant. Although retired from active police work, he is still deeply involved in community affairs. He has been involved with volunteer work on behalf of the town residents for many years, and is even now very concerned with sports and public service organizations.

Politically, he was elected to and is currently serving on the Agawam City Council, where he has gained a keen insight into the workings of Town government. He is definitely a people person who wants to know our problems, and has acted personally and on the City Council to solve them.

I know he has plans and dreams for the Town's future, which he can only accomplish from the Mayor's office. He runs not to advance himself, but to advance the Town of Agawam.

I don't have to urge those who know him to vote for him, so I ask those who do not, to watch and listen to what he has to say in the ensuing weeks. You will recognize his great qualities, and I think you will want to vote for Bob Rossi for Mayor of Agawam.

Sincerely,
S. Thomas Martinelli
Agawam

In praise of Charlie Monnier, a great friend to soccer fans

To the Editor:

For the second year in a row, well-known and respected soccer official Charlie Monnier has donated his time to do the soccer alumni game.

Charlie has always shown his love for soccer and is a great role model for any young soccer enthusiast. He was a soccer player and a champion, record-setting swimmer at UMass. (Except for a little gray hair, he still looks in pretty good shape.)

He's a great friend to all of us who love soccer.

Sincerely,
AHS Soccer Alumni

Ambulance service is important in Feeding Hills

To the Editor:

At President of Local 1973 and a member of the present and past negotiating committee, I can tell you that the Union has been pushing for an ambulance in Feeding Hills. We have felt this way since it was taken away in 1996. We are now hearing a lot about it because it is election time.

In part, I agree with Councilor Bitzas - "Agawam is expanding and the population is growing and the number of baby boomers is increasing drastically. The need for that ambulance is essential." The part that I don't agree on is, "I think with proper planning we'll need less firefighters than everyone thinks." The Mayor (who listed providing a new ambulance for Feeding Hills as a goal on his campaign flyer) and the Fire Chief both said "that you need to hire eight additional full-time firefighters." The Chief said, "WITH EIGHT ADDITIONAL STAFF, WE COULD BEGIN IMPLEMENTING IT PROPERLY." If we put an ambulance in Feeding Hills, we must do it properly and safely for all concerned. There are ways of doing this without hiring eight men all at once.

Distributions and Reimbursement from the state are up this year. The town is receiving \$3,600,000 from Berkshire Power and a large tax from Six Flags. The town budget went up \$3,110,347 over last year. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET WENT DOWN

THIS YEAR ABOUT \$60,000. That is almost two men right there. You can't expand services if your budget goes down.

George said, "The Mayor has to find the funds for this and the council has to act." I couldn't agree more with that statement. The Mayor found or okayed the funds to hire nine new teachers this year and twice that number last year. I am sure if the Mayor really wanted a fully-staffed ambulance in Feeding Hills, he could find the funds to hire the right amount of firefighters to staff it properly like George said. Also, I know how important teachers are because my sister and brother are both teachers, and my niece is a newly-hired teacher in town.

We are terribly understaffed on our department. Westfield has 20 firefighters fully staffed and run down to 18. West Springfield has 17 firefighters fully staffed and run down to 14. We have only 12 firefighters fully staffed and run down to nine. In the early 70s, we had an 11-man minimum and didn't run any ambulance service. The town and industry have grown a lot in 30 years.

If we had our 11-man minimum back, we could have an ambulance in Feeding Hills. Station I will run with three men on a pump, one man on the ladder, and two men on the ambulance. Station II will run with only three men on the pump.

The NFPA standard, which is our bible in the fire service, requires four men on a pump, four men on a ladder, and two men on an ambulance. These are national standards for the United States and Canada, and were supported by the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

We should have a 14-person minimum with running only one ambulance. Also, an ALS ambulance (paramedics) should be within an eight-minute response time. As you heard from George, Mary Leahy, and Lou Russo, this is not happening.

I urge all residents of Feeding Hills and Agawam to call the Mayor's office and your councilors about putting an ambulance in Feeding Hills, and help George in his quest. Hiring more firefighters is no benefit to the Union; it just helps the people we serve.

Karl Schmaelzle
President, Local 1973

Parks & Recreation Director responds to Aug. 23rd letter

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to address the letter that was in the August 23rd edition of *The Agawam Advertiser*.

The parks and fields in Agawam have seen many improvements and renovations in the recent past. Since the summer of 1999, seven new playscapes have been installed in our parks and schools. Five tennis courts at the High School have been resurfaced, and three tennis courts at Perry Lane were completely rebuilt in 2000. The old, dilapidated tennis courts and backstop at Phelps School have been removed for both safety and aesthetic reasons.

At Perry Lane, a new ropes/challenge course was built; the pool was sandblasted, repaired, and repainted.

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ed; the nursery school got a fresh coat of paint; and the roof was reshingled. This past week, the parking lot was expanded and paved. A new skate park has been constructed at Shea Field (at no expense to the taxpayers), with a brand new fence surrounding the park.

These are just a sampling of the improvements made to our park system in the past two years. So when you say we must "... fix up what we already have," I must respond by saying WE ARE AND HAVE.

The plans to develop School Street are moving along. The Berkshire Design Group has a September 10, 2001 deadline for a finalized Master Plan. Once that plan is finalized and accepted by the Town, I will gladly share the information with any member of the public who is interested.

In closing, I believe the Parks & Recreation Department has improved dramatically in the past two years. We are continually looking at how we can better serve all of the residents of Agawam and Feeding Hills.

I can be reached by mail at 760 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA 01001; by phone at 821-0513 (weekdays); or by e-mail at recreation@agawam.ma.us (anytime).

Sincerely,
Christopher M. Sparks
Director of Parks & Recreation

Thank you for renewing the annual soccer alumni game

To the Editor:

On behalf of all former boys' soccer players and coaches, I would like to thank Coach Jonathan

Cavallo and Athletic Director Lou Conte for renewing the annual soccer alumni game.

Many people may not know that at one time, when Mr. Kibbe was athletic director, the game was a cherished event. One year, 42 alumni came to play.

With Coach Cavallo's attitude and enthusiasm, the game may someday grow to the level it used to be. We are lucky to have Coach Cavallo.

Ludlow took an Agawam wrestler to learn that sport. Let's do the same back to them in soccer with Coach Cavallo.

Sincerely,
Walt Willard

Boys' Soccer Coach ('68-'74)

School Comm. candidate welcomes students back

To the Editor:

In the famous words of Dr. Seuss, "Today is your day. You're off to Great Places! You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes.

"You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You are the one who'll decide where to go. You'll be on your way up! You'll join the high fliers who soar to great heights. Oh, the places you'll go!

"There is fun to be done! There are points to be scored. There are games to be won! And will you succeed? Yes! You will, indeed! (98 and 3/4 percent guaranteed!) Kid, you'll move mountains!"

Best wishes to all new and returning students.

Susan Longtin
Candidate for
School Committee

LEGAL NOTICE**TOWN OF AGAWAM - BOARD OF APPEALS**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA, on Thursday, September 13, 2001, at 6:30 P.M. for all parties interested in the appeal of Rose N. Deleva who is seeking a Variance from Section 180-17, Paragraph E of the Zoning

Ordinances, which would allow for the installation of a cemetery at the premises identified as: 586 Mill Street.

Doreen Prouty
Acting Chairperson

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LEGAL NOTICE

Bonavita names John O'Brien as campaign chairman

Agawam City Councilor Anthony C. Bonavita has named John O'Brien of Feeding Hills as his campaign chairman for his re-election campaign.

Bonavita stated, "I am very pleased to have John O'Brien as my campaign chairman. He did a great job in my first election, and he has a good feeling for the needs of our community."

O'Brien works for a major insurance company as a regional manager, and was involved in youth sports for years in Agawam in soccer and baseball.

O'Brien added, "We will run a positive and issue-oriented campaign. Anthony has been a positive voice for Agawam on the City Council. He has analyzed the issues and voted in the best interests of the citizens of Agawam. I look forward to working with his wife, Adele, as treasurer and the many other members of our committee. We want it to be a pleasant and positive experience for all these involved."

Bonavita concluded, "I do not take for granted the trust the citizens have placed in me as a City Councilor. I will again work hard in this campaign to earn the voters' respect and support."

Honored by Agawam Democratic Comm...

State Rep. Keenan named "Democrat of the Year"

The Agawam Democratic Committee has selected Daniel Keenan as their "Democrat of the Year." Representative Keenan will be honored at a breakfast on November 4th at Chez Josef in Agawam. The keynote speaker will be Congressman Barney Frank of the 4th Congressional District.

Tickets for this event may be obtained by calling Jack Rioni, (413) 786-5791, Lou Russo, (413) 786-9107, or any member of the Agawam Democratic Committee.

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- Agawam Obituaries -



LUCILLE M. FENNELL

Lucille M. (Houle) Fennell, 78, of 27B Paul Revere Drive, Feeding Hills, died recently at a local nursing home. She worked in the offices of the former Steiger's Department Stores in Springfield and Brookfield.

Born in Laconia, New Hampshire, she lived in Springfield for most of her life before moving to Feeding Hills 10 years ago. She was a Marine Corps veteran of World War II and a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

She was a former member and troop leader of the Junior Catholic Daughters of America and the Women's Club at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church in Springfield.

Her husband, John F. Fennell, died in 1980, and a son, John F. Jr., in 1958. She leaves two sons, William J. of West Springfield and Michael J. of Atlanta; four daughters, Patricia C. Clark of Fort Myers, Florida, Mary Lou Haskell of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, Therese F. Machia of Feeding Hills, and Cecile M. May of Rocky Hill, Connecticut; a sister, Cecile Riske of Illinois; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church, with burial at Hillcrest Park Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to any charity.

EDITH A. GRAHAM

Edith A. (Meyer) Graham, 92, formerly of Tower Terrace, Agawam, died recently at a local nursing home. She managed the former S&H Green Stamp Center and retired in 1974.

Born in Enfield, CT, she lived in Agawam for many years and was a former member of the Methodist Church.

Her husband, Murdo Graham, died in 1975. She

"C.L.I.M.B.ing" to new math heights



CAMP C.L.I.M.B. MEMBERS had a good time this summer honing their math skills (they really did!!!) in the Agawam Junior High Library. From left: Joe Slaimen, Gregorio Santa, Matt Rannenberg, teacher Kelley Carnes, Devon Mozdzanowski, Nesreen Baki, and Ryan Parent. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

leaves six nieces, Virginia Wilson of Ludlow, Kathy Rosner and Ellen Meyer, both of Agawam, Ann Meyer of Springfield, Bobbie Cameron of West Springfield, and Sara J. Burton of Mystic, CT; and two nephews, Thomas Meyer and Carl Meyer, both of Agawam. The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with burial at Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Disease Association, 11 Campus Lane, Easthampton, MA 01027.

FREDERICK L. SMITH

Frederick L. Smith, 57, of Agawam, died recently at a local nursing home. He was a 15-year sanitation worker for the Springfield Department of Public Works. He specialized in special pick-ups.

Born in Springfield, he lived in Virginia before moving to Agawam 13 years ago. He was a Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam War, an advocate for head injury victims at the Bishop Christopher J. Weldon Center in Springfield, and a director of the Regency Condominiums.

He leaves a son, John F. of Falls Church, Virginia; two daughters, Ann Marie Smith of Woodbridge, Virginia, and Mary Ann Smith of Dale City, Virginia; a brother, Donald of Stratton, Vermont; and three sisters, Marcia Padilla of Boerne, Texas, Dorothy Smith of Springfield, and Joanne Epstein of Las Vegas.

The burial was held at the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Agawam, and Agawam Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Heritage Hall West Nursing Home Activity Fund, 61 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

DOROTHY M. WALKER

Dorothy M. (Rosner) Walker, 76, of Rowley Street, Agawam, died recently at a local nursing home.

Born in Baltimore, she lived in West Springfield and graduated from West Springfield High School. She lived in Chicopee before moving to Agawam 46 years ago. She was a deaconess of First Baptist Church in West Springfield and a member of its Come Doubles Club.

Her husband, Charles E. Walker, died in 1984. She leaves three sons, Robert E. of Wells, Maine, Kenneth C. of Feeding Hills, and Richard A. of Agawam; two brothers, Edward Rosner of Wilbraham and William Roser of Orlando, Florida; two sisters, Beatrice Gurski of Agawam and Mildred Provencher of Springfield; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be held on Friday morning, August 31st, at the church, with burial at Paucatuck Cemetery, both in West Springfield.

Calling hours were scheduled for the late afternoon and into the evening of Thursday, August 30th. Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church at 337 Piper Road, West Springfield, MA 01089.

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Veterans' corner...

Soldiers' Home residents shouldn't "sweat it out"

by Ed Kellogg, Veterans' Agent
786-0400, Ext. 236/237

Summer is winding down. The hot days will come to pass, and fall weather is just around the corner.

That must be a comforting fact for the men and women in the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke. They have had to endure this heat without air conditioning in that building. What's wrong with this picture? The 300 or so people who reside there have to sweat it out; I think that is wrong.

There was a recent newspaper article about putting a one-cent additional tax on a gallon of gas to help offset the cost of the "BIG DIG." Well, if that is the case, maybe there should be an amendment added to that bill to help pay for the air conditioning in the Soldiers' Home in "WESTERN MASS."

I hope I am not the only one who thinks this way. If you feel like I do, I suggest you contact your State Representative and drive that point home. Let's think about our soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines who have to "sweat it out" on the hill in Holyoke.

Recycling bins avail. at Town Hall

It's been over 10 years since Agawam's curbside recycling program and many of the original recycling bins are beginning to show their age.

To thank Agawam citizens for all their recycling efforts, residents that did not receive a recycling bin, or whose bin is cracked, broken, or missing, are eligible to receive a new recycling bin, free of charge, compliments of the Agawam Recycling Program.

Those residents who would like more than one bin can purchase an additional bin for a nominal fee of \$4.

This offer will continue while surplus supplies last. Just bring your cracked or broken bin (if you have one) to Agawam Town Hall, Department of Public Works at 36 Main Street, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. and trade it in for a new 14-gallon or 16-gallon bin.

Please call Agawam's recycling coordinator at (413) 786-0400, ext. 286 if you have any questions. THANK YOU FOR YOUR RECYCLING EFFORTS!!

Town Council agenda for Sept. 4th meeting

Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street - 7:30 P.M.

1. Citizen's Speak Time.
2. Roll Call.
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 8/6/01.
5. Declaration from Council President.
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials, & Remonstrances.

(a) Resolutions

1. TR-2001-21- A Resolution Appropriating and Authorizing a Loan Order in the Amount of \$750,000 under MGL Ch. 44, Sec. 7 (9) for the Acquisition of an Aerial Platform Fire Truck (Mayor) (Ref. to Ad Hoc Comm.) (Tabled on 5/21/01).

2. TR-2001-30- A Resolution Confirming the Appointment of Frank S. Mazzei, 476 Spfld. St., FH, MA to the Agawam Veteran's Council to Complete an Unexpired Term Expiring on April 1, 2001 (Mayor).

3. TR-2001-31- A Resolution Confirming the Appointment of Meanette Vermes, 108 Hastings St., FH, MA to the Board of Registrars for a Term to Expire April 1, 2005 (Mayor).

4. TR-2001-32- A Resolution Establishing a Stop Sign at Still Brook Lane and Paul Revere Dr. in the Town of Agawam (Mayor).

5. TR-2001-33- A Resolution Establishing a No Parking Zone on Autumn St. (also known as Riviera Dr.) (Mayor).

6. TR-2002-34- A Resolution Accepting a Water Main Eastment Located at Tobacco Farm Road, Agawam, Hampden County, MA (Mayor).

7. TR-2001-35- A Resolution Confirming the Appointment of Julie M. Chartier, 59 Reed St., Aga., MA to the Agawam Planning Board to Complete an Unexpired Term Expiring on January 1, 2004 (Mayor).

8. TR-2001-36- A Resolution Accepting MGL Ch. 44B Paragraph 3-7 to Establish a Community Preservation Fund (Sponsored by Community Preservation Act Ad Hoc Committee).

9. TR-2001-37- A Resolution Supporting a Permanent Ambulance in the Feeding Hills Fire Station (Coun. Bitzas).

7. Report of Council Committees

Comm. on Traffic & St. Safety - Coun. Perry.

Ad Hoc Comm. - Recreation - Coun. Bitzas.

Ad Hoc Comm. - Fire Truck Study - Coun. Rossi.

8. Elections

None.

9. Public Hearings

(a)

1. PH-2001-9-(TO-2001-37)- Application - Propane Storage License - Six Flags N.E./Riverside Enterprises, Inc. - 1623 Main St., Aga., MA - Request for 5,000 gal. Propane aboveground (Conduct Public Hearing).

10. Old Business

(a)

1. ZC-2001-1-(PH-2201-8) - Petition of Omnipoint Holdings, Inc. for a proposed amendment to Art. XIV, Ch. 180 by amending Sec. 180-94B to include property identified as Map 18, Block 1, Lot 11 owned by Moccio, 339 Silver St. (Tabled on 8/6/01).

2. TO-2001-35- Voucher List (\$237.43).

3. TO-2001-36- Application for License for six (6) automatic amusement devices for Fun Farms LLC dba The Sand Trap, 1399 Suffield St., Aga., MA (Ref. to License Comm. on 8/6/01).

4. TO-2001-38- Application for License for one (1) automatic amusement device for Six Flags N.E., 1623 Main St., Agawam, MA (Ref. to License Comm. on 8/6/01).

5. TOR-2001-3- An Ordinance to Amend Paragraph 49-7 (c) (1) and Paragraph 49-7 (c) (3) of Ch. 49 Entitled "Personnel" of the Code of the Town of Agawam to Update the Wages for Certain Unclassified Positions (Mayor).

6. ZC-2001-2- An Ordinance to amend the Code of the Town of Agawam, Ch. 180, in order to Update and Expand the Zoning Definitions (Change Public Hearing Date from 9/17/01 to 10/1/01).

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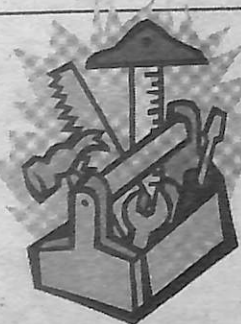
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by Fire Chief David Pisano

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If you live in a manufactured home, fire is probably the greatest single threat to you and your family. Studies have shown that a fire is most likely to start in the kitchen, followed closely by the living room, bedroom, and utility room.

The following guidelines will help you prevent a fire in your home:

- * Install and maintain smoke detectors outside bedroom areas. Test your detectors at least once a month and change batteries annually. If you have smoke detectors that are connected to your electrical system, consider having battery detectors as a back-up in case of fire in the electrical system.

- * Have an ABC/multi-purpose fire extinguisher on hand and learn how to use it. But, remember, fire extinguishers are small and should be used to fight

small fires, after everyone has gotten out and the fire department has been called.

- * Plan and discuss with your family what to do in case of fire. If you have quick exit windows, make sure

- * All appliances should be in good working order. Replace worn or frayed electrical cords.

- * Electrical circuits should not be overloaded. Before installing a major appliance that wasn't part of your original equipment, check the adequacy of the wiring.

- * When using extension cords, make sure they don't run under rugs or carpets.

- * Cooking should not be left unattended. If a fire

occurs on the stove, put a lid on it or use baking soda or a fire extinguisher.

- * Keep kitchen appliances clean and free of grease build-up.

- * Make sure your lot is clearly marked so that emergency vehicles can find you quickly.

- * Post emergency numbers on your phone and a neighbor's phone.

Look for potential fire hazards around your home and take the necessary steps to correct them. A fire-safe home starts with you.

Contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662 for more information.

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA, on Thursday, September 6, 2001, at 6:30 P.M. for all parties interested in the appeal of Village Swiss Limited Partnership, which is seeking a Variance from Section 180-35 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the construction of a two family residence with less than the required lot size at the premises identified as:

Meadow Street/James Avenue, Lot 15.

Doreen Prouty
Acting Chairperson

Published: August 30, 2001

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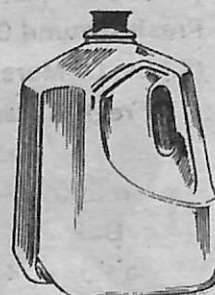
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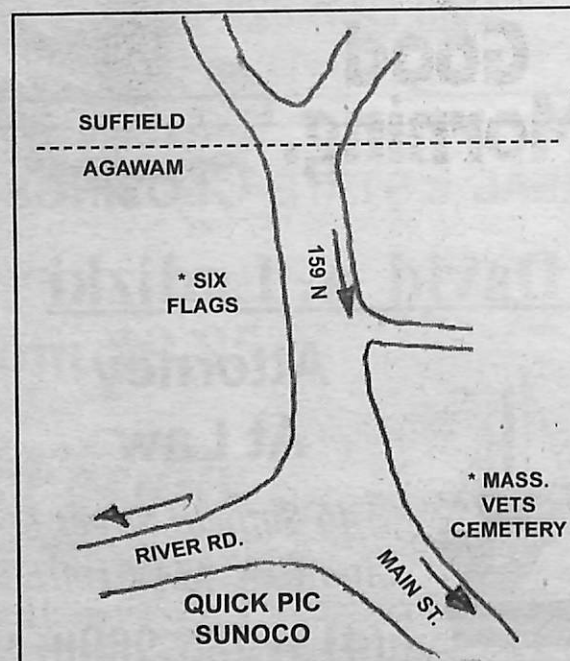
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Lions host picnic for Perry Lane Park campers



THE AGAWAM LIONS CLUB held their annual hot dog picnic for Perry Lane Park day campers on Friday, August 17th. In left photo: Lions Club members George Schlagel and Mike Aiken (back row, far left) were on hand with Mayor Richard A. Cohen (center) to give the young campers and staff members a nice picnic lunch. In right photo: Helping out at the annual hot dog picnic were Lions Club cooks (standing, from left) Ron Wieners, Bob Campbell, Ed Disco, and Jim Votzak; (seated) George Schlagel and Matt Blackak.

Memory Lane Chorus to resume practice sessions on Tuesday, September 4th

The Senior Center's own singing group will resume practice sessions on Tuesday afternoon, September 4th, at 2:30 p.m. (following the Tuesday movie).

The Chorus has regular meetings on Tuesday at this time unless they are performing on that day, which will happen on September 18th when the group will be singing on the stage of the New England Center at the "Big E" (with a show time of 2:00 p.m.).

The choral group has been active since 1997 and regularly schedules a fall and spring production in addition to taking part in a number of Senior Center shows and local functions.

Membership in the group is open to anyone at any time. The vocal format is based on a "sing-a-long" style, with members providing harmony according to their abilities. Several of the members are also featured in solo performances, but you do not have to be an "opera star" to be a part of the group. The emphasis is on singing a lot of enjoyable songs in practice sessions, and developing some of them for public performance.

Visitors are welcome at the Tuesday afternoon sessions on a once-in-a-while basis to become a regular member.

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September 16th at Post 185...

Benefit fundraiser set for Rance Taylor

A six-band blow-out benefit fundraiser to benefit Rance Taylor is scheduled for Sunday, September 16th at American Legion Post 185 on Springfield Street in Agawam.

Sponsored in part by the Valley Cruisers, the fundraiser/cruise is will run from 2:00-9:00 p.m. Featured bands include The Daytonas, Pecos River Band, The All-Stars, The Last Bullet Band, Midnight Ride, and Terry Roane Band.

Raffle prizes, food, beer, and a car show will be part of the festivities. For information and tickets, call Dana at 789-0684 or Bob at 786-1480. Tickets will be available at the door.

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ACCGS to kick off 2001-02 season with September breakfast

The Affiliated Chambers of Commerce of Greater Springfield (ACCGS) will kick off its 2001-2002 season with the September Breakfast Club on September 5th at 7:15 a.m. in The Coliseum on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield.

Sponsored by Eastern States Exposition and Associated Builders, the breakfast will honor several area businesses for their successes and achievements: The Agawam Chamber of Commerce; Associated Builders, Inc.; Maybury Material Handling, Strawberry Productions, and Veritech Corporation on their 25th anniversaries; Robinson Consulting on its new offices; and United Cooperative Bank on its new president.

As well, Sue Lavoie of the Eastern States Exposition will address the topic of "Techniques for Developing Business."

Reservations for the September breakfast are \$15 for ACCGS members, and \$20 for non-members. These reservations must be made in writing and in advance.

Reservations may be made through Laurie Richardson, Events Coordinator, Affiliated Chambers of Commerce of Greater Springfield, Inc., 1441 Main Street, Suite 136, Springfield, MA 01103-1449; fax - (413) 755-1322; e-mail - richardson@www.myonlinechamber.com; or through the ACCGS website - www.myonlinechamber.com.

- ADVERTISER NEWS -

Kerry A. Robinson weds Craig Medeiros

St. Michael's Cathedral in Springfield was the setting for the recent wedding of Kerry Ann Robinson and Craig J. Medeiros. Father Mark Stelzer performed the wedding ceremony.

The reception was held at The Log Cabin in Holyoke.

The bride is the daughter of Noreen W. Robinson of Feeding Hills. Parents of the bridegroom are Mary Ann and Philip J. Medeiros of Monson.

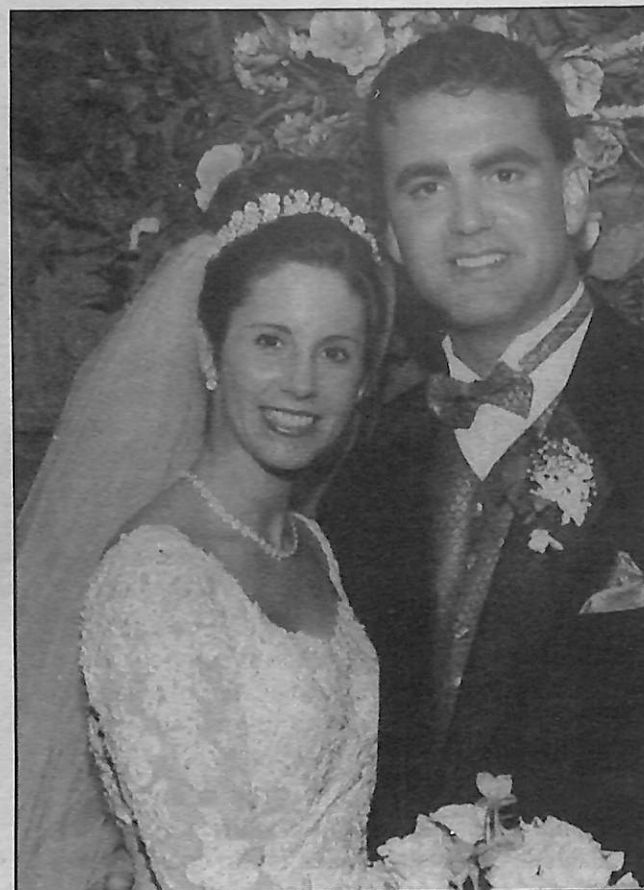
Kelly Baker attended her cousin as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Kimberly Christy, Jennifer Dold, Kristin Joyal, Cori Medeiros, Daniele Mehringer, Elizabeth Pouliot, and Stacey Rutherford.

Bradford Medeiros served his brother as best man. Ushers were Craig Levesque, Robert Meacham, Philip Medeiros, Alan Papesch, Nelson Rouette, and Michael Tassinari.

Flower girls were Ashlie Baker and Bailey Medeiros. Readers during the Mass were Nicole LaChance and Sean Ward.

The bride is a 1990 graduate of Agawam High School. She received her bachelor's degree from Westfield State College, and her master's degree from Springfield College. Kerry is a probation officer with the Massachusetts Trial Court in Hampden County.

Craig is a 1987 graduate of Monson High School. He received his bachelor's degree in business admin-



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istration/marketing at Westfield State College. Craig is a sales representative with Conwood Sales Co. L.P.

The couple honeymooned on the Hawaiian islands of Kauai and Maui.

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Kids of all ages can experience the Pokemon excitement by participating in a wide array of activities, including Pokemon video game play, Pokemon Trading Card Game play, visits with Pikachu, and picture-taking with the popular Pokemon Lugia cars.

Additionally, guests bringing their Pokemon game pak can participate in head-to-head competitions and individual play action by bringing their Pokemon Gold, Silver, or Crystal version and getting the rare Pokemon Celebi added to their game pak.

The Pokemon "Fun Fest," which is free with Six Flags park admission and open to the general public, will also offer guests a chance to win cool prizes and take home free giveaways.

For more information, including additional dates and locations on the Pokemon "Fun Fest" program, visit www.pokemon.com.

Annual steak roast at the Spfld. Turnverein

The Annual Steak Roast is being held at the Springfield Turnverein, 176 Garden Street, Agawam (Garden Street exit off Route 57 West), on Saturday, September 8th, serving from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The menu will consist of char-broiled rib eye steak, baked potato, tossed salad, corn on the cob, bread, coffee, and cake. Tickets are \$14 per person. (We are also offering chicken this year for a ticket price of \$12.)

For your dancing pleasure, we will have once again the fabulous band from Connecticut, "The Franken

Agawam Chamber of Commerce announces Golf Social sponsors

The Agawam Chamber of Commerce will hold its Annual Nine-Hole Golf Social on September 20th at St. Anne Country Club in Feeding Hills, sponsored by Doherty, Wallace, Pillsbury and Murphy, P.C. and Attorney Gary P. Shannon.

The tournament is a half-day event combining golf and business networking in a convenient setting.

"We understand it is hard for many businesspeople to get away for a full day," said Richard Blomstrom, Golf Committee Chairman. "We think a nine-hole event is a great alternative."

Golfers can choose from a flexible tee schedule, with tee times every half-hour beginning at 2:00 p.m. The tournament will conclude around 6:00 p.m., with hors-d'oeuvres sponsored by Agawam Paintball and Sean Provost. The cost per golfer is \$25, which includes cart, greens fees, refreshments, and prizes.

Reservations must be made by Friday, September 8th. For additional information on the social, contact Senior Vice-President Deborah Boronski at 755-1309, or e-mail at boronski@myonlinechamber.com.

Musikanten." The ticket for dancing only will be \$7.

Tickets can be bought in advance at the STV. We are open Monday through Friday from 4:00 to 11:00 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 2:00 to 11:00 p.m.

For reservations, please call Christa at 786-0143 or the STV at 786-0924 no later than September 5th.

We invite you to join us for a great dinner/dance evening.

Activities at Hapkido & World Olympic Taekwondo Center

Free Teen Martial Arts Lessons

Free teen martial arts lessons will be offered to the first 20 teens that sign up. The only criteria is that you must have passing grades; be between the ages of 14 and 18; in Junior or Senior High School; purchase a "Gi" (karate uniform); and you will receive three months of free lessons.

If, at the end of the three months, you pass your yellow belt test and still have good grades, you will be entitled to an additional three months of free lessons up to four quarters for the first year.

Classes are scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. at the American Hapkido & World Olympic Taekwondo Center, located at 1342 Springfield Street in Feeding Hills. For more information, call 789-1001 or drop by to pick up an information package.

How To Play Chess And How To Be An "A" Student

Three Saturdays - September 8th, 15th, and 22nd. Three hours - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Donation - \$15.

The American Hapkido & World Olympic Taekwondo Center has a program set up to teach you how to play chess; to improve your chess game; and a great school-starter, "How To Be An 'A' Student."

Limited to the first 20 applicants. (If there are 40 applicants, we will hold an afternoon session from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.) Required equipment: notebook, pen, and pencil.

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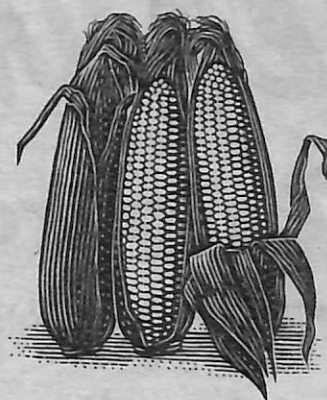
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Local Kiwanis leaders serve as convention delegates

Club leaders Kay Buoniconti, Gina Fusick, Judy Lichwan, Nancy Whitehead, and Ed Walsh represented the Kiwanis Club of West Springfield-Agawam as delegates to the 83rd Annual New England District of Kiwanis Convention at the Cape Codder Resort in Hyannis from August 23rd through August 25th.

The New England District of Kiwanis is made up of over 6,800 service-oriented business and community leaders from the six New England states, plus Bermuda. Kiwanis International includes more than 8,000 clubs, with nearly 300,000 members in more than 70 nations. This past year, Kiwanis Clubs donated more than \$100 million and almost six-million volunteer hours for community service projects.

Their major emphasis is Service to the Children of the World. Community emphasis programs such as scholarships, bike rodeos, the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute, and participation in the Kiwanis International effort to erase Iodine Deficiency Disorder are some of the activities of the local club. The West Springfield-Agawam Kiwanis Club meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at Olive Oil's Restaurant in Feeding Hills.

For information on the club, contact any member or call 734-2168.

Kiwanis score high with golf tournament



THE GOLF COMMITTEE of the West Springfield-Agawam Kiwanis Club took time out from the festivities of the club's annual summer barbecue to celebrate the success of their recent golf tournament held at the Oak Ridge Country Club. Proceeds will go into the club's community fund to go toward kids and other outreach programs. Len Anair, Kiwanis president and tournament chairman (third from right) shows the check to incoming president Gina Fusick (third from left). Pictured above are (from left) Judy Lichwan, committee member; Martin Olsen, N.E. governor of Kiwanis; Mrs. Fusick; Diane Anair and Len Anair; and committee members Nancy Whitehead and Kay Buoniconti.

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Feeding Hills residents join Jimmy Fund Walk

Feeding Hills residents Teresa Knight, Catherine Lavoie, Jim Knight, and Edward Lavoie will raise funds for cancer research by walking in the 13th annual Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk, presented by MFS Investment Management on Sunday, September 30th.

More than 8,500 walkers are expected to raise \$4.5 million for cancer research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The Jimmy Fund welcomes more walkers from Feeding Hills and thanks the community for its support in the fight against cancer.

Known as Boston's "hometown walk," the Walk is the only event, other than the Boston Marathon itself, that is sanctioned to use the historic 26.2-mile route from Hopkinton to Boston. Walkers can choose from three different routes: 26.2 miles from Hopkinton, 7:00 a.m.; 13.1 miles from Wellesley, 11:00 a.m.; or they can join patients and families on a three-mile route that begins at Harvard Medical School Quad, 200 Longwood Ave., at 2:00 p.m. All walkers finish at the Copley Square finish line.

Participants can register as a team or as an individual; each participant must raise a minimum of \$100. Pacesetters, those who raise more than \$750, receive special recognition from the Jimmy Fund, and are invited to a celebration at the start of the next Walk season. Participants are encouraged to form teams and walk in honor of those who have been affected by cancer.

"Every community can really make a difference for their family or friends by walking or supporting a walker," says Emily Swymer, director of the Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk. "The Walk is a proactive way for people to support cancer research and honor those affected by the disease."

The Jimmy Fund is a major fundraising arm of Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Over the past 12 years, walkers and supporters have contributed more than \$18.2 million to the world-renowned cancer research center. Dana-Farber Cancer Institute treats people with both childhood and adult cancers. It is among the nation's leading research centers for all forms of cancer. The Jimmy Fund is the official charity of the Boston Red Sox.

Be a hero. Walk or support a walker. To register, or make financial contributions, visit www.jimmyfund.org. Contributions can also be mailed to: Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk, 375 Longwood Ave., 7th Floor, Boston, MA 02215. For more information, call (617) 632-3562.

For photo coverage in The AAN, call 786-7747 or 786-8137; however, please give us at least 72 hours' notice prior to your event.

Thank you .



CHARTER MEMBERS OF THE Agawam St. Patrick's Committee received certificates of appreciation from committee president Lowell McLane at the August meeting. Back row (from left): Robert Magovern, William Pfau, Lowell McLane, Lynn Fitzgerald, and Paul Kelley. Front row (from left): Rita Moore, Stephanie McLane, Mary Broadhurst, Kathleen Welsh, and Joseph Fitzpatrick.

Agawam St. Patrick's Committee presents certificates of appreciation

At the August meeting of the Agawam St. Patrick's Committee, president Lowell McLane presented certificates of acknowledgement to new members and certificates of appreciation to the charter members.

McLane also introduced the new board of directors and standing committee chairmen. They are as follows:

Lowell McLane, president; Joseph Fitzpatrick, vice-chairman; Paul Kelley, clerk; Mary Broadhurst, treasurer; Lynn Fitzpatrick, chairman of the board; and Robert Magovern and William Pfau, members of the board.

Chairmen of the standing committees are:

Paul Kelley, colleen committee; Kathleen Welsh, advisor to the colleen committee; Owen Broadhurst, by-laws; Joseph Fitzpatrick and William Pfau, float committee; Tom Stanton, parade committee; Robert Magovern, awards and nominating committees; and Rita Moore, publicity.

The next meeting of the Agawam St. Patrick's Committee will be on Thursday, September 13th, at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's Social Center, 833 Main Street, Agawam.

September calendar of events for Golden Age Club-Chapter One

Wed., Sept. 5th: A special day trip to Chez Josef in Agawam for "Polka Time" with Jimmy Sturr, the Polka King

Fri., Sept. 7th: Board of Directors' meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the Senior Center

Wed., Sept. 12th: Regular meeting. A bake sale, followed by Bingo

Wed., Sept. 19th: A day trip to try your luck at Foxwoods Casino

Wed., Sept. 26th: Regular meeting. Entertainment provided by Ed Knowlton ("Mr. Easy Listening")

Trip organizer - Jeannette Dore, 786-4235. Seniors of Agawam are invited to join Chapter One. See Helen Rogers, Membership Chairperson.

September calendar of events for Golden Age Club-Chapter 2

Wed., Sept. 5th: Regular meeting, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center

Mon., Sept. 10th: Bus trip to Mohegan Sun

Wed.-Fri., Sept. 12th-14th: Bus trip to Boothbay Harbor, Maine - Clambake

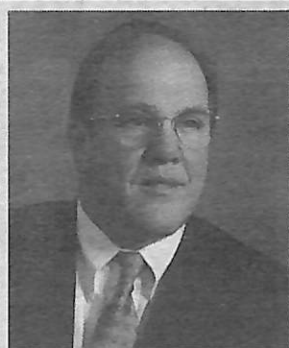
Wed., Sept. 19th: Regular meeting, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center

Fri., Sept. 28th: Board meeting, 1:00 p.m. at the Senior Center

Sun., Sept. 30th: Bus trip to Canada - Canadian Caper

Senior citizens living in Agawam are invited to join Chapter 2.

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Buddy Walk for Down Syndrome on September 8th

On September 8th (rain date, Sept. 9th), you can be a buddy for a day, and make a friend for a lifetime. Buddy Walk educates the community about the potential of people with Down Syndrome.

Local children and adults with Down Syndrome, their friends, families, and tons of buddies will be walking the fourth Annual Buddy Walk for Down Syndrome on September 8th at Agawam High School. The Town of Agawam, the United ARC (from Greenfield), and Western Mass. families invite the community to celebrate National Down Syndrome Awareness Month by participating in the 2001 Annual Walk.

Registration starts at 10:00 a.m. with the walk starting at 11:00. The walk will start and finish at Agawam High School, followed by lunch donated and prepared by the Outback Steakhouse (located at 1537 Riverdale Rd., West Springfield). Also, "SCREECH" from the Springfield Falcons will be with us throughout the walk.

The Agawam Buddy Walk is coordinated with the National Down Syndrome Society and is one of more than 150 walks held in cities across the country.

To register or for more information, call (413) 786-6393.

Our office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 3rd due to the Labor Day holiday. We will reopen on Tues., Sept. 4th at 7:00 a.m. Our deadline for the September 6th issue will be September 4th at 12:00 noon. Thank you.



ALEXANDRA BITZAS (left photo) recently celebrated her 100th birthday in Greece with her son, Town Councilor George Bitzas, and other family members, including grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Alexandra Bitzas celebrates her 100th birthday with a trip to Greece

Three years ago at the age of 97, Mrs. Alexandra Bitzas took a four-week vacation to Greece with her son, Agawam City Councilor George Bitzas. Greece, her birthplace, had been her home for 67 years before she moved to the United States more than 30 years ago.

Upon leaving Greece three years ago, Alexandra was sad, thinking that was the last time she would be seeing her family and friends in that country. At that time, Councilor Bitzas made her a promise that if she lived to be 100 years-old, he would again take her back to visit Greece.

This summer, Alexandra celebrated her 100th birthday and another trip to her homeland. True to his promise, Councilor Bitzas spent five weeks this summer in Greece with his mother and his two sons. His wife, Peggy (a second-grade teacher in Agawam), and their daughter, Katherine, were unable to join them on the trip.

Councilor Bitzas has made his mother another promise - a trip to Greece in 2004, when Greece will be hosting the Olympic Games. God willing, George will be able to keep his promise again.

We all wish Alexandra a happy 100th birthday!

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AHS's class of 1996 slates five-year reunion

The five-year is here! Agawam High School's class of 1996 will be holding a reunion on Saturday, November 24th, from 8:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight at the Hippodrome, 1700 Main Street, downtown Springfield. This event will take place on the second-floor "AHS c/o 1996 VIP Room."

There will be an open bar, as well as a raffle with awesome prizes. The reunion will be catered by E.B's.

Check out the class website for updated reunion information: <http://www.ahs96.com>.

If you are a member of AHS's class of 1996, please send your mailing address, e-mail address, and phone number to the class officers ASAP via e-mail at ahsco96@hotmail.com. (Class members who do not send their contact information will be unable to attend the reunion.)

Agawam Senior Center's weekly lunch menu

Mon., Sept. 3rd: Senior Center closed (Labor Day).

Tues., Sept. 4th: "Birthday Celebration" - broccoli quiche, spinach & bacon salad, grape juice, cake.

Wed., Sept. 5th: Breaded baked chicken leg, cheesy potato, confetti corn, peaches.

Thurs., Sept. 6th: Chicken vegetable soup, meatball grinder, steak fries, tropical mix.

Fri., Sept. 7th: Baked fish, rice Pilaf, carrots, pudding.

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Pasta supper slated by AHS cheerleaders

An Agawam High cheerleading "Pasta Supper" will be held on Sunday, September 9th, at the Italian Sportsman Club. The supper will run from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The cost is \$5 for adults, and \$3 for children.

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Cecchi Farms Corn Fest, Sept. 1st & 2nd

E. Cecchi Farms' annual Corn Fest will take place about two weeks later than usual this year - on Saturday and Sunday, September 1st and 2nd, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day under the tent at E. Cecchi Farms, located at 1131 Springfield Street in the Feeding Hills section of Agawam.

August's corn crop was affected by this spring's erratic, cold weather, and it was decided to hold the festival weekend a little later this year. Chief corn picker Michael J. Cecchi explained, "We wanted to make sure we had the full variety and quality for the Corn Fest. This is our chance to really showcase what we grow and the different ways to serve it."

The Cecchi family plans to serve over 500 ears of white, yellow, butter & sugar, and sweet scarlet corn this weekend. Now in its eighth year, the Cecchi Corn Fest has evolved from an event that simply enabled consumers to taste the local corn harvest into a customer appreciation weekend and a way to raise funds for the Parish Cupboard, because donations are matched dollar for dollar by E. Cecchi Farms.

Along with fresh-picked and fresh-cooked corn, customers will be able to sample a variety of vegetables, all grown on the family farm (including a couple of new additions to the usual fare). Bread-and-butter

pickles will be served, and fresh pesto sauce (using an old family recipe) will be served over pasta.

About the date change, stand manager Robert J. Cecchi added, "People started getting nervous when the middle of August came and went without any Corn Fest. We considered skipping it this year, but I think there'd be riots. It's really great to know how much our customers look forward to this each year. This is our way to letting them know how much we appreciate their business."

The Cecchi family will also be serving grilled vegetables, tomato and basil salad, and watermelon. Anna M. Cecchi, who founded the farm in 1946 with her late husband, Erminio, will be on hand to help as well.

There is no charge for any of the food at the Corn Fest. Contributions will be accepted and matched by E. Cecchi Farms for donation to the Parish Cupboard. Robert J. Cecchi, Sr. noted, "This is a great cause. We really appreciate the generosity of our customers. Every year, we raise a little more than the previous year."

If you love farm fresh vegetables, stop by and see why Corn Fest 2001 at E. Cecchi Farms in Feeding Hills is the place to be this weekend.



MARLEY GRAFTON GONSALVES

Gonsalves family announces birth of Marley Grafton

Toby & Kristen (Radtke) Gonsalves are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Marley Grafton, in Columbus, Ohio.

Marley was born on May 31, 2001. She weighed six pounds, 10 ounces, and was 21 inches long.

Toby has been in a doctoral program at Ohio State University for the last three years.

The grandparents are Paul & Debbie Radtke of Feeding Hills, and Tony & Barbara Gonsalves of Springfield. Marley also has five great-grandparents!

Senior Ctr. to hold registration for classes

The Agawam Senior Center will be holding its Class Registration for the 2001-2002 season Tuesday, September 4th through Thursday, September 6th from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. each day.

The following classes will be offered this year: rug design, exercise, computer, knitting, sewing, tap, jazz, line dancing (beginners and advanced), art, ladies' pool, chorus, Melody Band, organ lessons, tai chi, pitch, cribbage, and duplicate bridge.

A new class for creative writing will begin on Monday, September 17th at 3:30 p.m. Dorothea Nardi, a long-time English teacher for the Agawam School System, will be leading the class.

Enjoy reminiscing and writing your memoirs down with others. Be sure to visit the Senior Center for a meal, an activity, or some company.

For more information, call Joan Linnehan, Activity Director, at 786-0400, ext. 242 or 243.

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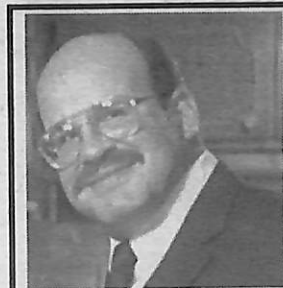
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Church News



Reflections...
submitted by
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A Labor Day message...

In just about every country on earth, there are certain special days set aside to celebrate something or somebody. Most countries, including our own, celebrate the birthdays of important leaders, as well as special events and religious observances. Here in America, we do all that, but we also set aside one day each year to celebrate everybody who works. We call it "Labor Day."

Work is, for most Americans, a very important part of our lives. For many of us, our work not only provides us with an income and personal satisfaction, but it even provides us with an identity. One of the more typical questions which is raised when we're meeting a new person is, "So, what do you do?" That question is not being directed to what sports activities we engage in or what kind of literature we most often read; it refers to what kind of job we have.

In addition to the loss of income, a great tragedy associated with being released from work involuntarily (whether being fired or laid off) is the loss of personal identity. Even though some people aren't terribly happy at their jobs, working is - for the most part - a

good thing. That is because working is a natural thing for people to do. In fact, most people who are unhappy at their jobs are unhappy because they're not properly matched up with the right type of job or the right employer; most people would not enjoy not working, at least not for long.

Working is natural for us because we are made in the image of God, who is Himself a worker. The Bible describes, in the Book of Genesis, how God made the heavens and the earth. Genesis provides a daily activity log for the Almighty, telling us what He accomplished each day. **By the seventh day God had finished the work He had been doing, so on the seventh day He rested from all His work.** We get the impression from this passage that when God finished His work, He had a sense of satisfaction and contentment which He derived from His work. Most of us also enjoy similar feelings when we've completed a project. Interestingly enough, we're not that different from God after all!

We must be careful, however, not to take the truth that we're made in the image of God and stretch it too far. We're simply made in His image, we are not God ourselves! Sometimes we can make the mistake of thinking that because we're capable of accomplishing certain earthly tasks (even complicated ones), we are capable of doing everything for ourselves. Heavenly tasks are still very much in God's domain.

Another challenge which work can inadvertently create for us is to distract us from the important questions of life. We can become so consumed with temporal concerns that we can even forget eternal matters. On one occasion, Jesus challenged His follow-

ers, **"Do not work for food that spoils, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you."** Those who heard Jesus say this were apparently somewhat unsure of what He meant. **They asked Him, "What must we do to do the works that God requires?"** Fortunately for them, as well as for us who can now know their story, Jesus had a simple answer. **Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one that God has sent."**

The reason we should **believe in the one that God has sent**, Jesus Christ, is because He has already labored on our behalf. Over 700 years before Jesus was even born, the prophet Isaiah wrote this about Him: **After the suffering of His soul, He will see the light of life and be satisfied, by His knowledge My Righteous Servant will justify many.** This prophecy refers to the death of Jesus Christ for our sins, His resurrection on the third day, and describes His feeling of satisfaction for what He had accomplished.

Not only has Jesus already labored on our behalf, He has finished the job. The Gospel According to John tells us that **later, knowing that all was now completed and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. When He had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, He bowed His head and gave up His spirit.** Now we can celebrate God's labor because Jesus has accomplished for us what we could not possibly do for ourselves.

Catholic Women plan pot luck supper

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will be holding its annual Pot Luck Supper and Penny Auction at its first meeting, September 10th.

The meeting will be held at St. John the Evangelist Social Center at 833 Main St. The dinner will start with a salad bar at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner, business meeting, and the Penny Auction.

New members are encouraged to attend. Any Catholic woman residing in Agawam or any Catholic woman belonging to an Agawam parish is eligible for membership.

For more information, call Mary G. at 786-0283 or Angela Beaudry at 786-5408.

Nocturnal Adoration Society To Meet

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet at Saint John's Church in Agawam to conduct and pray the Office of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, September 7th, from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

All are invited to come and spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration.

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Imagine something even worse. You've been given the job of trying to live in a way that pleases God. But you're not qualified. You realize that the product of your life is fundamentally flawed. You've made errors of judgment. You often have to admit that you don't know what you're doing. You fear that at the end of your life, when you stand before the Lord, the One who demands perfection, you won't pass final inspection.

Our lives are that way. We are flawed by what God calls sin. We've violated His laws, His standards of conduct. No matter how hard we work to try to please Him, we can't do it. Romans 3:23 tells us that "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." And then the Bible tells us that "the wages of sin is death" (6:23). The only paycheck we deserve at the end of life is God's verdict that we are unsuitable to enter heaven. We don't deserve to go there because we have failed to do what He asked us to do.

The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. - Romans 6:23

But that's not the end of the story. God has done something incredible for us. He offers us everything that we don't deserve. Because Jesus Christ died on the cross to receive the wages we deserved, God offers to reward us on the basis of what Jesus did instead of what we have done.

Romans 4:4-5 says, "Now when a man works, his wages are not credited to him as a gift, but as an obligation. However, to the man who does not work but trusts God who justifies the wicked, his faith is credited as righteousness" (NIV).

Hard to believe? Too wonderful to be true? Believe it--because if you don't you won't have a chance. God guarantees that to be true.

The way to please God is to admit that you deserve the paycheck of spiritual death and to accept the gift that Christ earned for you. By His life, death, and resurrection, He made it possible for you to be forgiven of all your failures, to be credited with Christ's success, to receive eternal life, and to be able to work for God in ways that please Him.

It's time to quit trying in your own strength to live a life that's good enough to please God. It's time to accept the free gift of salvation that the Lord Jesus provided for us. It's time to trust Christ and begin living for Him.

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Monday-Tuesday, 9:00 a.m., St. Theresa; Wednesday, 9:00 a.m., St. Theresa (Communion Service - no Mass); Thursday, 7:00 p.m., St. Theresa; Friday & Saturday, 9:00 a.m., St. Anthony; Saturday, 4:30 p.m., St. Theresa; Sunday, 8:30 a.m., St. Anthony; Sunday, 11:00 a.m., St. Theresa; Holy Day Vigil, 6:00 p.m., St. Anthony; Holy Day, 9:00 a.m./6:00 p.m., St. Theresa; Rosary, one half-hour before daily Mass.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thurs., Aug. 30th: 6:30 p.m., Rosary at St. Theresa's; 7:00 p.m., Mass at St. Theresa's. Daily Bible reading: 1 Thessalonians 3: 7-13, Matthew 24: 42-51. Mass offered in memory of George Bouchard.

Fri., Aug. 31st: 8:30 a.m., Rosary at St. Anthony's; 9:00 a.m., Mass at St. Anthony's. Mass offered for A Special Intention. Daily Bible reading: 1 Thessalonians 4: 1-8, Matthew 25: 1-13.

Sat., Sept. 1st: 8:30 a.m., Rosary at St. Anthony's; 9:00 a.m., Mass at St. Anthony's. Mass offered for the Pope. Daily Bible reading: 1 Thessalonians 4: 9-12, Matthew 25: 14-30; 4:30 p.m., Mass at St. Theresa's. Daily Bible reading: Sirach 3: 17-18, 28-29, Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24, and Luke 14: 1, 7-14. Mass offered in memory of Norma Brusseau. Registration for CCD classes.

Sun., Sept. 2nd: 8:30 a.m., 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Mass at St. Anthony's. Mass offered in memory of Louise Scherpa. Daily Bible reading: Sirach 3: 17-18, 28-29, Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24, and Luke 14: 1, 7-14. Sanctuary Candle will be lit this week at St. Anthony's in memory of Rose Letellier. The Altar Bread and Wine this week is offered in memory of The Deceased Members of the Bouchard Family; Registration for CCD classes; 11:00 a.m., Mass at St. Theresa's. Sirach 3: 17-18, 28-29, Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24, and Luke 14: 1, 7-14. Mass offered for the return to good health of Yvonne Heistand. Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of Charles J. Montagna. The Altar Bread and Wine this week is offered "In Thanksgiving"; Registration for CCD classes.

Mon., Sept. 3rd: 8:30 a.m., Rosary at St. Theresa's; 9:00 a.m., Mass at St. Theresa's. Daily Bible reading: 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18, Luke 4: 16-30. Mass is offered in memory of Ann Byrns.

Tues., Sept. 4th: 8:30 a.m., Rosary at St. Theresa's; 9:00 a.m., Mass at St. Theresa's. Mass offered "For Prayers Answered" and "In Thanksgiving." Daily Bible reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6, 9-11, Luke 4: 31-37; 7:00 p.m., Parish Council meets in the Education Building.

Wed., Sept. 5th: 8:30 a.m., Rosary at St. Theresa's; 9:00 a.m., COMMUNION SERVICE (NO MASS). Daily Bible reading: Colossians 1: 1-8, Luke 4: 38-44.

Thurs., Sept. 6th: 6:30 p.m., Rosary at St. Theresa's; 7:00 p.m., Mass at St. Theresa's. Mass

offered in memory of The Members of the Alisi Family. Daily Bible reading: Colossians 1: 9-14, Luke 3: 1-11; 7:30 p.m., Christmas Party Committee meeting in the Parish Hall.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

REGISTER NOW! Registration will continue to take place after all Masses through the first class meeting. Registration must be done by a parent or guardian. CCD classes begin on Sunday, September 23rd.

Grades K-6 will meet on Sunday, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., in the Education Center at St. Anthony's. Grades 7-10 will meet on Sunday, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., at St. Theresa's Center. Children and their families can, therefore, attend Mass either before or after Religious Education and complete their Sunday morning with worship and learning.

Fee: \$15 for the first child in a family, \$10 for the second, and \$7.50 for each child beyond the second. A late fee of \$10 will be assessed after the first class meeting for those who have not registered by that time.

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A baptism certificate is required at registration if your child was baptized somewhere other than St. Theresa's or St. Anthony's Church.

Children are a priority to our parish community planning and ministry. We hope all our youth are actively participating in the Religious Education program which is about to begin. We have some "scholarship" monies available in memory of Gloria Hastings to help with registration fees for those who would find this beneficial.

Please call Fr. Bill at 786-4451. No child will be turned away because of any financial stress! Please call before registering your child.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, September 9th, 9:00-11:00 a.m.: The Agawam Lions Club and All Saints Parish invite you to join us for our first adventure into breakfast. Enjoy pancakes, sausage, tea, coffee, and juice in our Parish Hall. Cost: \$4 for adults; \$2.50 for children under 12. Tickets are now on sale and will also be available at the door the morning of the breakfast. This is "Grandparents' Day," so why not treat them to breakfast!

"New Life Church" opens its doors in Agawam

New Life Church welcomes all those searching for a Bible-based, spirit-filled place to worship the LORD. "New Life" belongs to the International Communion of the Charismatic Episcopal Church.

The Rev. Gene deJongh holds Sunday morning worship at 10:00 a.m. in the banquet hall of the American Legion, located at 478 Springfield Street in Agawam. Come share in this warm fellowship of people alive in Christ.

On Sunday, September 2nd, New Life Church will celebrate the beginning of fall classes with a "Sunday School Rally" at 9:15 a.m., prior to the morning worship service. Crafts, games, and fellowship are planned. Registration for child and adult classes will take place at this time also.

New Life Church ministries include a Thursday evening Word of Life Fellowship; a monthly Men Alive Fellowship; and visitations to area nursing homes on the second and fifth Thursdays of the month.

Anyone in the community in need of prayers is welcome to request them by calling Ann Beroth, New Life Church prayer chain leader, at 786-9589. Prayer requests will be placed on the prayer chain and/or lifted up to the LORD at the weekly Word of Life Fellowship. Requests for visits to loved ones in nursing homes can also be made by calling New Life Church.

For more information about New Life Church and its ministries, call the Reverend Gene deJongh at 821-1366.

If you have dropped off any photos to our office for Boy Scout activities, church events, etc., please pick them up after they appear in The AAN...

Grand re-opening for "The Trading Post"

The grand re-opening for The Trading Post Consignment Shop will take place on Wednesday, September 5th, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The Trading Post is located at First Baptist Church of Agawam (corner of Main and Elm Streets).

This re-opening will be for "take-in" only, and there is a limit of 50 items at one time. Clothes must be clean, in season, in style, ironed, folded, or on hangers. Knick-knacks, small appliances, baby items, etc., must be good as new.

The opening day to shop will be September 12th. We look forward to seeing you all again!

For further information, call First Baptist Church at 786-7300.

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News & notes from Ag. Congregational

The mission statement of Agawam Congregational Church (745 Main Street) is: *A church where the Holy Spirit is alive, uniting people with Christ through ... transforming ministries, vibrant worship, diligent study and warm fellowship.*

This Sunday, September 2nd, at 9:30 a.m., Rev. Earl Eisenbach will be speaking on "Love Has No Write-Offs."

Next Sunday, September 9th, is RECOVENANTING SUNDAY, with Holy Communion and the beginning of Church School and confirmation. The service will begin at 10:30 a.m.

There is childcare available during the a.m. service for infants and toddlers.

Also, following the service there is a fellowship hour in Bryan Hall. Pastor Earl and his wife, Barbara, are also members of the Order of St. Luke and are always available for prayer after the service.

THIS COMING WEEK...

Monday: Office closed (Labor Day).

Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.: Deacon Meeting.

Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.: Healing & Prayer Service.

Saturday, 7:00 p.m.: Potluck Dinner Dance.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Saturday, September 8th, 5:30 p.m.: "Welcome

Back Potluck Dinner Dance."

All members invited to attend; please sign up at the coffee hour or call Suanne Hansen at 786-6660. (A-D, salad; E-R, main dish; S-Z, dessert.)

Wednesday, September 12th, 7:00 p.m.: Order of St. Luke's Ecumenical Healing Service - "Jesus Heals the Brokenhearted" - at St. David's Episcopal Church, 699 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. (For further information, please call 786-7111.)

Sunday, September 16th: Youth Dedication Sunday - Dedication of Confirmands & Sponsors.

Sunday, September 23rd: Youth Sunday & Teacher Dedication.

Beginning September 23rd (Sunday evenings): "DivorceCare" - 7:00 p.m. in the Friendship Room. Find help from the pain of divorce and separation.

Sunday, September 30th: Presentation of Bibles to Third-Graders; Open House at the Parsonage, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Members of the community are invited to participate in all the church events. For further information, you may call the church office at 786-7111. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Upcoming events at Faith Bible Church

September 1st: Beach trip to Dune Beach, Misquamicut, for a family fellowship time. No set times to arrive and leave, so do as you wish. The end of the summer is quickly approaching, so one last trip to the beach will be fun for all.

September 2nd: We will be holding a Labor Day picnic after the church service at 12:30 p.m. Anyone attending is asked to bring a favorite dish and a two-liter bottle of soda. There will be much food and many games to play, along with great fellowship as the summer winds down.

September 4th: Lilly Zing will be conducting her first dance class, which begins at 4:00 p.m. If you would like to sign up your child for these classes,

please contact the church at 786-1681 and leave a message.

September 14th: We will be holding a dinner at the church for the adults as a fundraiser. Details to follow, but this promises to be a great night out.

September 16th: This begins our two services. The first service will begin at 8:30 a.m., and the second will begin at 10:30 a.m. (with Sunday School and nursery provided at the second service).

September 21st: This will be our monthly craft night held at the church. This month, Tina will be showing how to make "gallery glass." It is a very inexpensive craft, so only a slight charge for supplies will be collected that night. All are invited to attend.

Ecumenical Healing Service at St. David's Episcopal Church

"Jesus Heals The Broken-Hearted" is the theme of an Ecumenical Healing Service sponsored by the Western Massachusetts Greater Springfield Chapter of the Order of St. Luke. The service will be on Wednesday, September 12th, at 7:00 p.m. at St. David's Episcopal Church, 699 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Jesus' ministry was a ministry of the heart. He touches our broken and faint hearts with the Holy Spirit to bring healing and wholeness. Jesus said, "Let not your heart be troubled." The service brings God's RX for healing hearts, fulfilling God's promise: "A new heart, I will give you."

The service will include praise and worship, teaching and healing prayer, which includes anointing and the laying on of hands. Following the service, there will be refreshments with a "literature table."

The speaker will be Rev. Earl E. Eisenbach, who - along with his wife, Barbara - are the Co-Chaplains of the Greater Springfield Chapter of the Order of St. Luke. Earl and Barbara have participated in the healing mission with the Order of St. Luke, and have been involved in the prayer and healing ministry of the "Oratory of the Little Way" (an ecumenical retreat center in Gaylordsville, CT). This ministry brings the healing ministry of Christ to the emotional, physical, and spiritual needs of individuals seeking healing and wholeness.

The Ministry of Jesus is to "bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor" (Isaiah 61: 1-2).

For additional information, please call the (413) 786-7111.

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From the Pastor's desk at St. John's Parish

Parish Picnic: The annual Parish Picnic last Sunday was once again a great success. Thanks to the hard work of Mariann Green and all the clubs and individuals who pitched in, a great time was had by all. Everyone now knows this is an event that should never be missed!

Not Confirmed Yet? Confirmation will again be celebrated in this parish in October. If there are any members of the parish over 21 who would like to receive this Sacrament, they are asked to call the Rectory at 786-8105. (Confirmation completes the process of initiation into the church, which was begun at Baptism.)

Religious Education Teachers: Volunteers for teaching, former teachers, and new volunteers are still urgently needed as we prepare to open our School of Religion in early September. Training will be provided. Just call Annette or Carol at 786-8105, and make their day.

St. Thomas School: Will open for the new school year on September 6th. The After School/Extended Care program will begin September 6th, with lunch served from the first day.

Catholic Women's Club of Agawam: The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will be holding its annual Potluck Supper and Penny Auction at the first meeting on September 10th. Members who have not been contacted by September 1st are urged to call Mary G., 786-0283, or Angela Beaudry, 786-5408. New members are encouraged to attend.

Agawam Catholic Singles Club: Next meeting: September 13th, 7:00 p.m., Parish Center. On September 14th, the group is going to the Big E (contact Joanne, 786-1583). For information, call JoAnn at 786-0774 or John at 786-2273.

Next Loaves 'N Fishes: September 4th. Want to help? Call the Parish Office, 786-8105.

St. John's Guild: The first meeting of the Guild will be on Tuesday, September 4th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fr. Joyce Room. A social evening hosted by the officers and directors is planned. New members are invited to attend.

Our Annual Christmas Bazaar: This mammoth project (which will be coming up soon) is sponsored by the Agawam Catholic Women's Club for the exclusive benefit of St. John's parish. Many of our "elves" are retiring this year, and we need your help to replace them. Anyone who can knit, sew, bake, or make Christmas decorations will be warmly received. Just call Joan at 789-0299 or Angela at 786-5408. (Sure you can! Just pick up the phone.)

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News & notes from F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 North Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

Our 13th Sunday After Pentacost begins at 10:00 a.m. Lector for this week is Kathy Rose. Children are invited to attend worship with adults, and they will leave at a designated time for Sunday School. Nursery care is provided for the very young.

On the calendar:

Sun., Sept. 2nd: SUNDAY WORSHIP at 10:00 a.m., Communion Sunday; Church of Redemption at

12:00 noon.

Mon., Sept. 3rd: LABOR DAY.

Tues., Sept. 4th: Parish Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Thurs., Sept. 6th: Smart Start Parent's Information Night, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Fri., Sept. 7th: Smart Start Open House - 3-Day A.M. Class, 9:30-10:15 a.m.; 3-Day P.M. Class, 10:30-11:15 a.m.; 2-Day A.M. Class, 11:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no A.A. Meetings on Tuesday, September 4th or Thursday, September 6th.

Our office will be closed on Monday, September 3rd due to the Labor Day holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday, September 4th at 7:00 a.m. Our deadline for the September 6th issue will be September 4th at 12:00 noon. Thank you..

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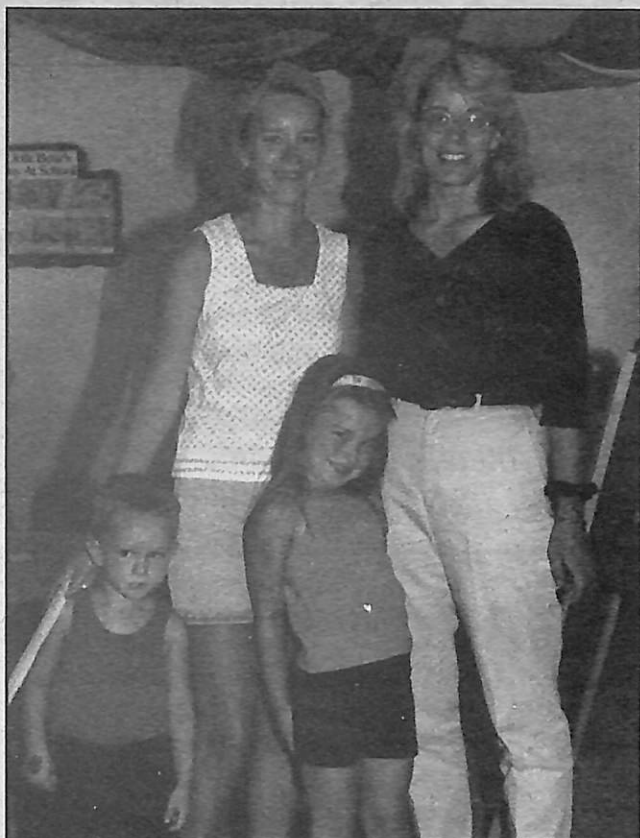
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Spotlight on Business



In left photo: Proud mom Bridgette Retzler (left) is shown signing up her children, James Dean and Brianna Retzler, at Pam's Place as director Pam Graves (right) looks on. In right photo: Standing next to the sign at Pam's Place Child Care Center on Mill Street, Agawam, are teacher Noreen Thomas (left) and director Pam Graves (right). The children in the photo are Kraig Ciberowski, Ashley Webster, Andrew Phillips, Lindsey Wassung, and Sarah Graves. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

"Pam's Place" offers quality child care

Pam's Place Child Care Center, Inc., located at 459 Mill Street, is owned and operated by Pamela Graves. A resident of Agawam for 35 years, she is the mother of three children (ages 16, 11, and four).

With almost 20 years of group daycare experience (most of which has been as a director), Graves said it has always been her dream to own her own preschool program. It is now a dream fulfilled, as she gives to the Town of Agawam and its surrounding communities a program rich with a multitude of learning experiences for young children to enjoy.

Pam's Place is housed in the Agawam United Methodist Church. Although not affiliated with the church, she hopes to broaden the curriculum to include intergenerational activities between the children and members of the church.

Pam's Place offers quality child care to children ages 2.9 through 9.6 years of age. Offering a variety of schedules to suit parents' needs, **Pam's Place** is open year-round, Monday through Friday, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Children enjoy an environment filled with theme-related learning centers for both group

and individual play.

The philosophy of **Pam's Place** is simple - to provide a safe, loving, and nurturing place for children to grow and develop, both physically and academically, at their own pace. Surrounded by a wooded area, the fenced-in playground has an enormous amount of space for the children to run and play. With a multitude of play equipment, it offers many opportunities for the children to develop their gross motor skills. To the delight of the children, wildlife can sometimes be spotted along the edge of the woods.

As a member of the Agawam Community Partnership for the Early Care and Education of Young Children, the center is able to offer subsidized tuition for those who qualify, and it also benefits from a variety of other services provided by the partnership (including programs sponsored by the Agawam Public Library).

Pam's Place accepts enrollment year-round. For further information on the center and its program, fee free to call 789-4987 or stop in to visit at 459 Mill Street, Agawam.



Domestic Law Issues...

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Paternity tests...

Question: My girlfriend recently gave birth to "our daughter." We lived together for most of her pregnancy, I attended the birth, and even cut her umbilical cord. My problem is that when we have an argument, my girlfriend tells me that I am not the father.

Because I am paying child support through the Department of Revenue, can I have a paternity test conducted by the Department of Revenue to prove that I am the natural father?

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paternity testing to determine whether or not a man is or is not the father of a certain child, subject to the conditions that you are a D.O.R. customer and that there is a court order for testing. To become a D.O.R. customer, you simply complete an application form that is available at the Registry Office in the Probate Court.

Once you are at the Registry, you can speak to a D.O.R. representative about the cost of testing and how testing is arranged. Many people select D.O.R. testing because it is generally less expensive than testing done by other facilities. Also, the paternity testing is done at the courthouse on assigned D.O.R. block-day sessions. The lab assistant comes directly to the courthouse, and all parties meet at designated times with proper identification to take the tests.

There are various types of paternity tests available to you of which you should be aware before you proceed with D.O.R. tests. You should speak to an attorney familiar with paternity testing relative to the specific facts of your case, before you decide to have the test administered by the Department of Revenue.

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Christian M. Quatrone, MS, PHM
Executive Director, Agawam Housing Authority

Another successful season at Six Flags for E.B's

E.B'S RESTAURANT IS CONCLUDING their biggest season yet at Six Flags New England. The well-known Agawam restaurant was once again well represented at the park with three locations! Pictured at their Water Park location (E.B's Island Grille) are staff members (from left) Adam Mouneimneh, Matt "Pots" Canata, Vinnie Moretti, Sean Burke, Marianne Cirelli, Dan McCarthy, Helen Marganti, Edwin Torres, Lauren Johnson, Ed Borgatti, Mike "Spike" Brunelle, and Mark Laurenzano. Six Flags will be open weekends through Halloween.



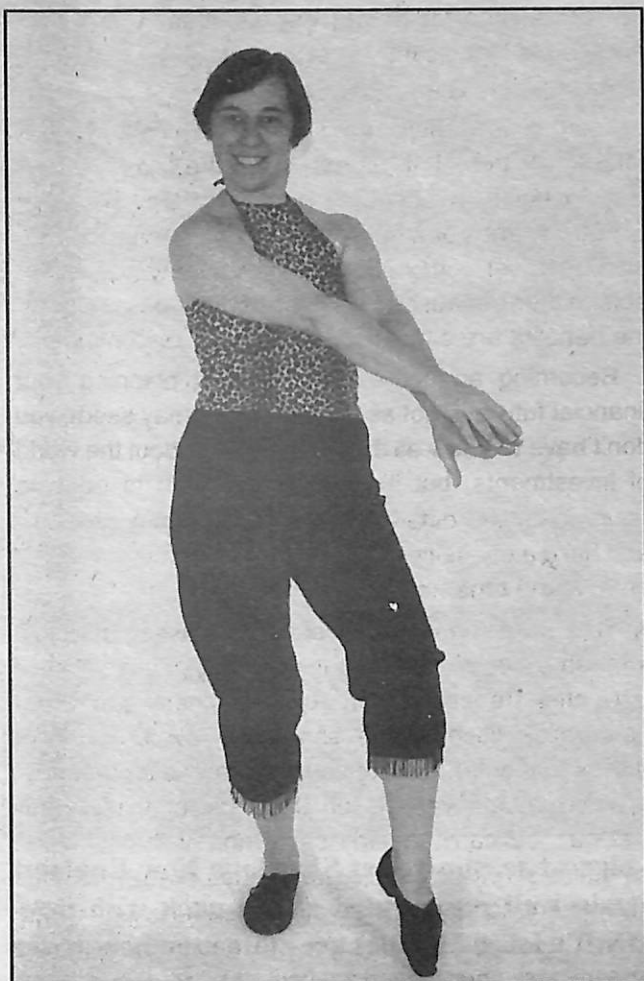
E.B'S RESTAURANT SENIOR STAFFERS returning for the 2001 season at Six Flags New England are Edwin Torres, Matt "Pots" Canata (Supervisor, E.B's Six Flags locations), Mike "Spike" Brunelle, Ed Borgatti (owner), Mark Laurenzano, and Adam Mouneimneh.

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Mary Ann Studio of Dance instructor keeps on dancing...



APRIL MOSHER, DANCE INSTRUCTOR AT MARY ANN STUDIO OF DANCE, may not have been teaching her usual 15 classes a week during the summer season, but she was still busy with dance during the summer months. April began her summer filled with dance by visiting the National Museum of Dance in Saratoga Springs, New York accompanied by students Alison Ricker and Savannah Vezina (right photo). Then there were all those Master Classes to take advantage of at Jacob's Pillow. Master Classes allow you to experience new dance ideas and trends from a variety of choreographers or even try a new dance style, like Salsa or Flamingo. With fall dance classes only a short time away, April is looking forward to sharing her new dance ideas with her students.

Legal Memo

by
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Consumer protection:

Sale of used car (prior accident)

In a recent court decision, a Judge ruled where a defendant auto dealer failed to disclose to a plaintiff used car buyer that the vehicle she was buying had once been in an accident and had frame damage, this amounted to a violation of Mass. Gen. Laws Chapter 93A, Regulation of Business Practices for Consumer Protection.

This Consumer Protection Act outlaws "unfair and

deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce" and gives to both consumers and businessmen private rights of action against "persons" who commit such unlawful acts.

Accordingly, when a person uses or employs an unfair or deceptive practice while engaged in the ordinary course of his business, the Attorney General or a victimized consumer can bring proceedings under the Act to enjoin the practice or recover damages or other suitable relief.

The court also found that the defendant also breached the express warranty of merchantability by informing the plaintiff falsely that the vehicle in question had no frame damage and by assuring her that there was nothing wrong with the car.

Express warranties can be either oral or written, and is an affirmation of fact or promise which relates to the goods and becomes part of the basis of the bargain.

Lastly, the court found that the defendant breached

the implied warranty of merchantability by selling the plaintiff a vehicle which, with its misaligned headlights and bent frame, was not fit for the ordinary purposes for which a car is used.

Implied warranties arise by operation of law, not by agreement of the parties. The basic purpose of the law of implied warranty is to protect the buyer from bearing the burden of loss where merchandise, though not violating an expressly agreed promise, does not conform to normal commercial standards or meet the buyer's particular purpose.

Having reached such conclusions, the court awarded the plaintiff triple damages exceeding \$21,000.00 and will further grant her attorney's fees.

Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts. If you have a legal question, Attorney Ferrigno will attempt to address the same in this column. Please send any questions to the address listed above.

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Retirement and the women of Generation X

Many Generation X women between 21 and 34 years-old continue to spend freely and run up credit card debt, seemingly without regard to the perilous effects such costly habits can have on their golden years.

Research completed in 2001 by the Yankelovich Group shows that about half of the Gen X women surveyed said money is for spending, not for saving. That may be true if you are a billionaire; however, if you are not a member of such an elite group, it may be in your best interest to make investing and saving for retirement a priority.

The Yankelovich research also shows that on average, Gen X women have only \$5,000 in retirement savings, while the average man of the same generation has \$10,000 saved. One reason for the discrepancy may be because women are generally too conservative in their investment choices. Compared to men, women typically put more of their money into lower-risk investments, such as certificates of deposits (CDs), money markets, and bonds rather than into more risky, but potentially more lucrative, stocks, and mutual fund investments. (CDs are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and offer a fixed rate of return and fixed principal value. Securities are not guaranteed by the FDIC or any other government agency, fluctuate in value, and may be worth more or less when redeemed.)

Ironically, once women do begin investing in stocks, they are generally better investors than men are; men tend to be overconfident, while women are more care-

ful in choosing stocks, according to a University of California at Davis study. Women do indeed have the wherewithal to save enough for their retirement years.

Another reason Gen X women have deficient retirement savings may be because retirement seems too far in the future to warrant their attention. However, when you are in your 20s is precisely the time to be thinking about retirement. Through compounding interest, dollars put away in your 20s and 30s may be worth a lot more than those saved later. For example, a woman who saves \$100 a week starting at age 25 and earns an eight percent return could pocket about \$400,000 or more at age 65 than a woman who waits until age 35 to start saving. (The rate of return of hypothetical, for illustration purposes only, and is not meant to represent the past or future returns of any specific investment or investment strategy, or to imply guaranteed earnings. Actual investments will fluctuate in value.)

Time is of the essence for other reasons, as well; women often have fewer working years to build up Social Security or other retirement accounts because they tend to have large breaks in their employment history due to taking time off to care for children or other family members.

According to "Working Women" magazine, the average amount of time women take off work to care for others is 11.5 years. Therefore, starting early, using tax-deferred plans like 401(k)s and IRAs, and investing in mutual funds, which offer potentially higher long-term gains, is critical. Tax-deferred earnings are taxed upon withdrawal. Withdrawals prior to age 59-1/2 may also be subject to a 10 percent IRS penalty.

Other additional factors have bearing on the urgency for women to save more. Women tend to live longer than men do. According to the United States Census Bureau, a woman who lives to age 65 can have a life expectancy of another 19.2 years, compared to 15 more years for men. However, with increasing age comes the increasing likelihood of needing long-term care, which can wipe out a lifetime of savings in a very few years.

Women are also paid less than men. According to

the U.S. Department of Labor, in 1999, full-time women earned 76.5 percent of men's median weekly earnings. And, in a divorce, women are more likely to be responsible for raising any children, which obviously adds significantly to expenses.

Faced with such obstacles, you might agree that padding your portfolio with lower-risk investments that offer lower potential returns is not the most effective way to build an adequate nest egg. Depending on Social Security, or a husband's (current or future) pension, to cover your retirement needs may not be reliable, either because once the husband passes away, the benefits are either reduced or may discontinue.

Becoming an active participant in planning your financial future is not as daunting as it may seem; you don't have to know all there is to know about the world of investments, but it's really up to you to educate yourself on the different investment options available and build a diversified portfolio suitable to your risk tolerance and time horizon.

There are many free books and classes available through your local library; investment planners regularly offer free seminars; you can check your local newspaper listings, the library, or even call local offices to inquire. And, of course, there is a great deal of information available on the internet to get your started. You can regularly save money through your company's retirement program and/or an automatic investment account. Utilize all the resources available to you through your employer to ensure you clearly understand your options within the company plan. Then consider consulting a financial advisor to learn about the wide array of investment options and to create a comprehensive financial plan tailored to help you achieve your unique goals.

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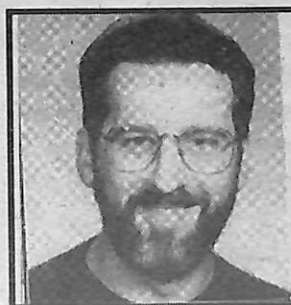
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My wife, Mary Ellen (Mellon), and I have been co-authors of a book about life with our second child, Julia Gene. We've chosen to share our story of love with you each week over these past few months. We are nearing the final chapter. Last week, Mellon wrote about her profound sense of inadequacy in her role as a family member of the deceased. She wondered how to be. Before the memorial service began, she stopped at the kneeler. She captured a precious moment that intimately connected her with the best part of herself and her little girl, Julia.

Chapter Ten: AN INTIMATE EVENING TOGETHER (part four)

Mon. - Day 14: (the day of the memorial service)

Our guests were all seated or standing around the back walls of the funeral parlor. I closed the double doors and invited folks to shut off the lamps that were lit. The tall thin lamp placed behind Julia's casket was the only lamp left dimly lit. I then lit two candles placed on a stand positioned to the left of the casket and to the right of the podium. Our portable sound system was placed on a small table below the candles.

I introduced Kyle McGraw, our invited guest, friend, and Methodist minister who lead us in prayer. Kyle spoke openly and passionately about the challenge of connecting with God during this difficult time of mourning. He assured us that God's grace was available to all during this time when death and life stood side by side. He prayed that we find trust in God's goodness and mercy. He led us in praying the 23rd Psalm and reminded us of what the prophet John wrote in the book of Revelation; namely, that Julia is a child of God and is now in the new Jerusalem. These were comforting sentiments that we deeply appreciated.

I walked up to the podium. I was both nervous and unusually calm as I entered into the uncertainty of the moment. I began sharing the story of our journey with Julia: *recounting the expectation of entering the doctor's office and finding out we were 4/5 centimeters. The anticipation of proceeding directly to the labor and delivery room. The longing to attempt a vaginal birth after having had a cesarean section with Kevin. The fear experienced from the major deceleration of Julia's heart after the pitocin medication kicked in. The anxious move to surgery for an emergency C-section*

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To purchase a kit by credit card or for more information, please call the American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts at (413) 737-3506 or (800) LUNG-USA, or mail your check, payable to **ALA of Western MA** to 393 Maple St., Springfield, MA 01105.

and the disappointment of not being able to deliver vaginally.

I shared the terror of a poor apcar and the delight of her strong comeback. I described the precious first 2-1/2 hours of Julia's life with Kevin, Mellon and I. And then the roller coaster ride continued. First, the news came from the nursery that Julia was turning blue and with it, the preliminary diagnosis of a heart problem. Then, I recalled the details of her move to Hartford Hospital and later to Boston's Children Hospital, where she had open heart surgery. I described Julia's five-day struggle to pass urine (pee). Her kidneys were failing and a second surgery was performed. I described the increasing number of medications employed to help her fluid production and stabilize her blood pressure (P-waves).

I then described how, on her seventh day of life, I was sitting by the hospital window and captured a precious moment. Julia's mouth, taped over to secure a feeding tube, spoke to me from the tiny corner that still remained exposed. She was blowing me bubbles. I wrote a poem which I began to recite. As I said the title of the poem - BUBBLES, I began to weep uncontrollably. I could not continue!

I stood crying at the podium alone for what felt like an eternity. Then, out of the corner of my eye, I saw Kevin spontaneously leap out of Mellon's lap and run past Julia. I bent over to receive him flying into my outstretched arms, while at the same time, wrapping his legs around my waist. He gently placed his left cheek against mine, as we both faced forward. Mellon arrived just a moment later, putting her arm around me, literally holding me up. As the three of us connected, I found the strength to continue reading.

BUBBLES

Blow me a bubble or two ...
Lift your chest another time.
Peek through your windows to life
and
show me your true baby blue colors.

Drain and drip fluid child - -
Pee just another cc for us.
P waves speak to me of rhythm,
149, 159, 169 - slow down -

the EKG of life ever shifting ...
not too high, not too low.

Little bubbles, pop for daddy.
Show me
your strength of 7 long days.
You've been poked and probed,
suctioned and stitched,
opened and finally closed.

Tubes of life handled with care,
nourish me, feed me, as I await
momma's vanilla shakes.

Talk about me and help me grow,
grow to live another day,
when my bubbles
can freely blow.

Today
is my challenge
to pump and blow;
Tomorrow
is my dream date ...
I hope to go.

Come with me
on my journey so slow;
come, hold my hand, as I blow.

Tuesday - 5/28/91 - Daddy

Next week - Chapter Ten: AN INTIMATE EVENING TOGETHER (part five)

Your feedback is welcome. Your real-life stories are, too! Please e-mail, call, or write me with what you would be willing to share. I will maintain your anonymity, unless you indicate otherwise. Thank you.

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Children's health research...

In the latest *Chiropractic Research Review*, a recent study was conducted to investigate the impact of iron deficiency on cognitive test scores of school-aged children and adolescents. The scores of four cognitive tests - related to math, reading, verbal ability, and overall cognitive performance - were evaluated for a sample of 5,398 children between six and 16 years-old.

The study concluded that iron-deficient children and teenagers score lower on standardized math tests than those with normal blood iron levels. This is a fascinating study. It would be interesting to read a follow-up study to find out if iron supplements helped improve the test scores.

Another study reported in *Pediatrics Journal* examined the effects of everyday physical activity on bone density in children. Physical activity has been shown to increase bone development in adolescent children, although the benefits of exercise to younger children was unknown. Researchers examined the relationship between physical activity and bone density measurements in 368 four to six year-old children.

The conclusions of the study suggested that increased physical activity is associated with increased bone density prior to puberty. The study raises the possibility that the sooner children become active, the greater their bone mass and the lower their risk for osteoporotic fractures later in life.

These two studies convey the fact that a proper diet, nutrition, and exercise - even at an early age - is imperative for lifelong health.

Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. She can be reached at 786-4820.

Better Breathing Series at Baystate Medical Center

Baystate Medical Center and the American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts will conduct a four-part *Help Yourself to Better Breathing Series*, beginning Thursday, September 6th.

This program will be held at Baystate Medical Center, 3300 Main Street, Springfield.

The series is for anyone who has asthma, emphysema, chronic bronchitis, or shortness of breath. Family and friends are also welcome.

The program will be held from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. in the Community Room on the first floor.

The series will run on Thursdays throughout September - September 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th - and there is no fee for admission. The topics are as follows:

* **September 6th:** "How the Lungs Work & Lung Diseases" - Michele Hart, RN, BSN, speaker.

* **September 13th:** "Pulmonary Medications, Spacers & Dosers" - Jessica Mason, RN, MPH, speaker.

* **September 20th:** "Breathing Retraining & Energy Saving Tips" - Mary Gentile, RN, BSN, speaker.

* **September 27th:** "Coping With Lung Disease" - Donna Bozoglos, RN, BSN, speaker.

Lung disease (including asthma, emphysema, and chronic bronchitis) affects nearly 28-million people in the United States.

Common symptoms are: shortness of breath, chronic mucus production, frequent chest colds, coughing up blood, chronic cough, and wheezing. "Better Breathers" is designed to be both educational and social.

To register and/or to receive more information, please call the American Lung Association at (413) 737-3506 or (800) LUNG-USA.



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Foot pain can be due to ill-fitting, inappropriate footwear; injuries; sprains which stretch or tear ligaments (which connect bones); stress fractures of bones in the foot; and many other causes. Podiatrists specialize in the feet and often provide relief with these types of problems.

However, misalignments of lower-back vertebrae and malfunctions of the pelvis and lumbar spine can result in gait abnormalities, pinched nerves, and other problems causing foot and leg problems.

What Can Chiropractic Do?

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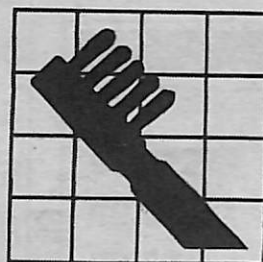
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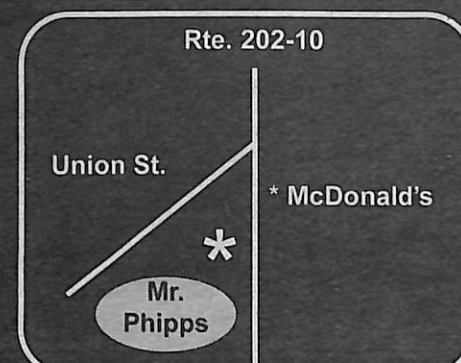
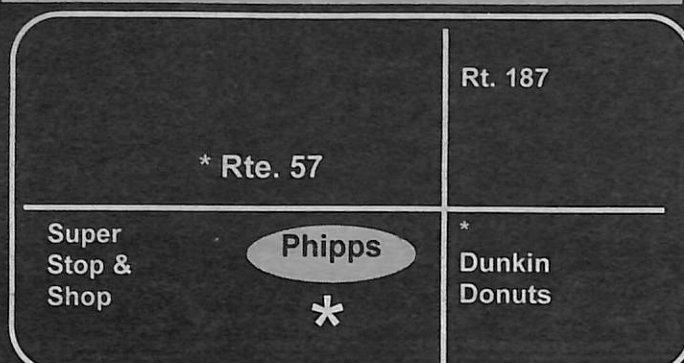
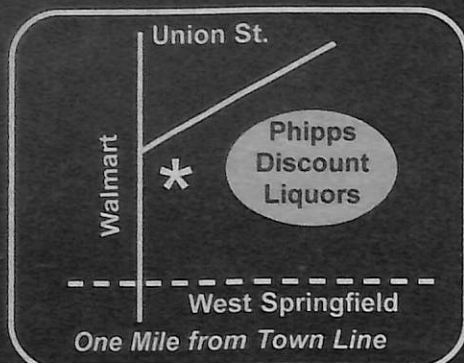
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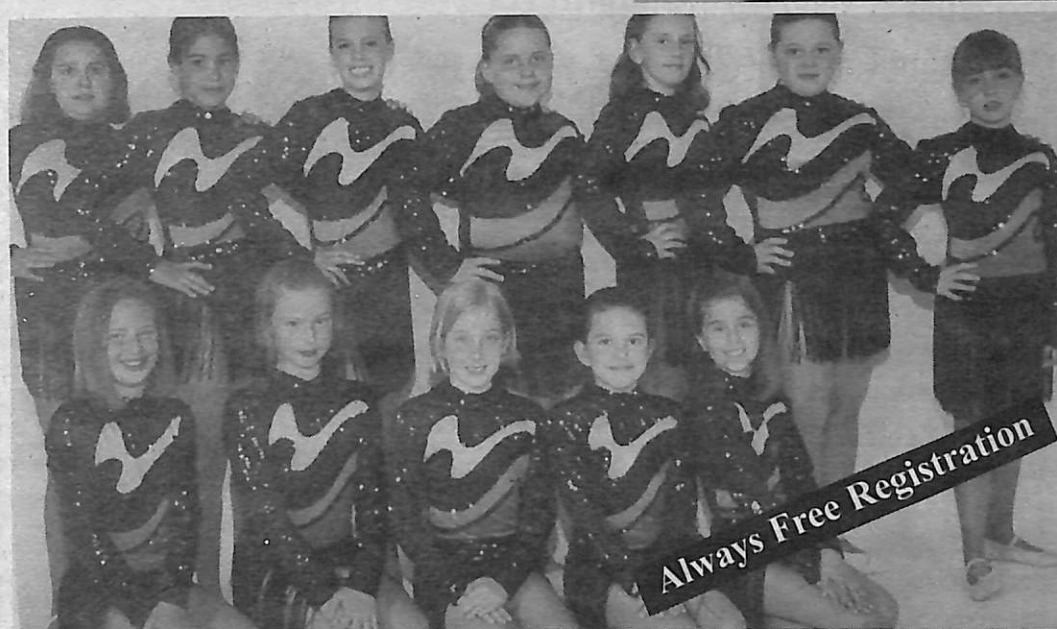
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From The Western Mass. Safe Kids Coalition...

Back-to-school safety tips

Buses are running, lunches are packed, homework assignments are given. Children and parents have a lot to think about this back-to-school season. And safety should be in the forefront this and every school year.

"Each back-to-school season, it's important for both parents and children to remember to review back-to-school safety," said Mandi Summers, coordinator, Western Massachusetts Safe Kids Coalition headquartered at Baystate Medical Center Children's Hospital.

Summers noted that during the summer, many children forget the safety lessons they have learned from previous years.

"Parents need to take an active role by teaching children and reviewing their own safety measures," she added.

The Western Massachusetts Safe Kids Coalition recommends doing your homework before your child goes back to school by reviewing the following important tips for back-to-school safety.

Walking to school

* Choose the safety route with the fewest street crossings, and walk the route with your children to familiarize them with it.

* Make sure your children know to look left, right, and left again before attempting to cross the street.

* Teach your children not to enter the street from behind parked cars or from behind bushes or shrubs.

* Teach your children to cross the street at the corner or crosswalk by walking across, not running.

* Warn children to be alert in bad weather when visibility is poor and roads become dangerous.

School bus safety

"Many injuries occur when children are boarding or exiting the school bus because a blind spot extends approximately 10 feet in front of the bus, obstructing the view of the driver. Children are not aware of the blind spot and may mistakenly believe that if they can see the bus, the bus driver can see them," Summers said.

According to Summers, children waiting for the bus

or getting off the bus should:

* Stay out of the street and avoid fooling around.

* Cross at least 10 feet in front of the bus to avoid not being seen by the driver.

* Wait for their parents on the same side of the street as the school bus loading/unloading zone.

While on the bus, children should:

* Remain seated, refrain from throwing objects, and keep their head and arms inside the bus at all times.

* Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before exiting.

* Exit from the front of the bus and use the handrails to avoid falling.

Driving your child to school

* Arrange to pick up your child at a safe spot away

from the congestion of cars around the school.

* Drop off children as close to the school as possible so that they do not have to cross the street, and make sure they enter and leave the car on the curb side.

* Make sure you use child safety seats and/or safety belts correctly every time you ride.

"Also, for children who are riding their bicycles to school, in accordance with the law, they should wear a helmet every time they ride. Children should not ride on the road without adult supervision until about the age of 10. They should follow the rules of the road," Summers said.

For more information on the Western Massachusetts Safe Kids Coalition or back-to-school safety, call Summers at (413) 794-5434.



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A very special reader request...

This past week, I discovered that our fine paper, *The AAN*, has readership all the way over in Ludlow! Ms. Phyllis Altomare, a new friend of mine, recommended some films for review. I must say, all are great ideas for a weekend rental ... or three! Thanks, Phyllis, for your enthusiasm and support of *The AAN*!

* "Fear Strikes Out": 1957. Not rated.

A pre-"Psycho" Anthony Perkins stars with Karl Malden and Norma Moore in this emotional tale about a father's expectations of his son and the resulting mental anguish the young man must endure.

Perkins plays baseball star Jimmy Piersall, who finds himself under great pressure to please his father (played remarkably well by Malden). The gradual decay of Piersall's mental health is ingeniously executed by director Robert Mulligan ("To Kill A Mockingbird"), using the natural and drastically underrated acting talents of Perkins instead of the usual contrived tears and excessively over-melodramatic acting. Perkins proves he had a knack for using his facial expressions to act, for his character's pain is consequently truly haunting and heartfelt.

It must be noted that this film is not simply a chronicle of the rise and fall of a professional baseball star, but instead a very poignant tale of fatherly emotional abuse and the toll it takes on the well-being of a young man who is forced to allow his father to revel in glory through his own successes.

In closing, if you want a simple biographical tale of a professional athlete, then steer clear of this one. If you are looking for a riveting drama with absolutely impeccable acting, then this one definitely won't "strike out"! **4 STARS.**

* "Awakenings": 1990. Rated PG-13.

Actress Penny Marshall (the one-time Laverne DiFazio from T.V.'s "Laverne & Shirley") spreads her directorial wings with this remarkable drama about the true-story "awakenings" that took place in a chronic hospital back in 1969. Robin Williams stars as Dr. Malcolm Sayer, the man who not only discovers the connection between supposed catatonics and a rare 1920s viral disease called Encephalitis, but also proves to be the brainchild behind prescribing a new experimental drug that "awakens" what one character referred to as "human statues."

Enter Robert DeNiro as Leonard Lowe, one of the patients that suffers from this condition (medically called Post-Encephalitic Syndrome). He is the first to come out of his trance after receiving Dr. Sayer's prescription. What follows is a remarkable display of high

drama and comic relief humor that will have you laughing and crying. DeNiro's performance is especially refreshing, since he plays a very uncharacteristic role instead of the usual roles where he seems to play the same tough and hardened Italian endlessly.

Supporting players include Julie Kavner (Brenda from T.V.'s "Rhoda") as nurse Eleanor Costello, and a small but strategically and critically important cameo by Max Von Sydow ("The Exorcist") as Dr. Peter Ingham.

Penny Marshall's creativity is probably the highest drama here, however. What a wonderful spectacle this film is because of its fine photography and wonderful direction. There are a few editing issues (such as when the good Dr. Sayer is locking his car and he leaves the keys in the door and walks away), but aside from these trivialities the film will hold you tight in its grip.

This eliminates any chance of an "awakening" happening on your sofa because you certainly won't sleep through this one! **4 STARS.**

* "Shattered": 1991. Rated R.

Tom Berenger, Bob Hoskins, and Greta Scacchi star in this mystery about a man who survives a devastating auto accident as an amnesiac trying to piece his life together again.

Berenger stars as the unfortunate accident victim who must rely on others to learn about the life he has forgotten. The plot conflicts begin when he starts to receive contradictory facts from different people about his life as it was. The only thing he knows for sure is that his wife (played by an only-average talented Greta Scacchi) has been unfaithful to him with a very obscure individual named Jack Stanton. Enter Bob Hoskins as a private investigator who helps discover that the car accident may not have been an accident after all, but a sinister attempt at murder.

The film seems to solely exist to provide shocks and surprises, taking much away from character and plot development. These surprises are, however, very effective and display some techniques made famous by suspense-master Alfred Hitchcock.

"Shattered" is one of those peculiar films that audiences will either love or hate. Although very well-made from a production value standpoint, I recommend this movie for those who thrive exclusively on mystery and intrigue. If you are expecting stellar acting and intense character development, however, I'm afraid your expectations will be "shattered" with this one. **3 STARS.**

*** "PISANO'S PICKS" REVIEW GUIDE: 5 STARS - Extraordinary; 4 STARS - Excellent; 3 STARS - Good; 2 STARS - Average; 1 STAR - Watchable; 0 STARS - Avoid. Please send comments and film requests to "The Agawam Advertiser News," Attention: Lou Pisano, P.O. Box 263, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.**

Feeding Hill artist to exhibit works at Mattoon Arts Festival

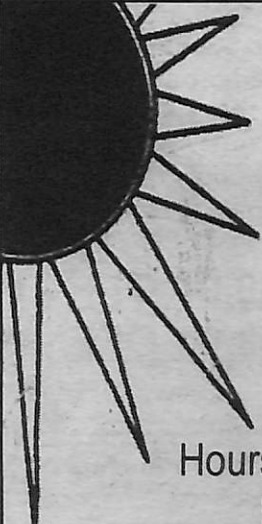
Feeding Hills artist Christine Nieves will be exhibiting at the annual Mattoon Arts Festival on September 8th and 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in downtown Springfield. The festival features original works created by painters, photographers, potters, jewelers, weavers, glass workers, and other talented craftspeople. More than half of the exhibitors are from Pioneer Valley towns.

This outdoor arts and crafts show is held on a street lined with restored brick Victorian row houses in the city's first historic district. The show is organized by neighborhood volunteers to raise funds for maintaining and enhancing the area. Now in its 29th year, it is also one of the oldest arts and crafts shows in Western Massachusetts.

There are also food vendors and musical entertainment. This event is funded in part by a grant from the Springfield Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

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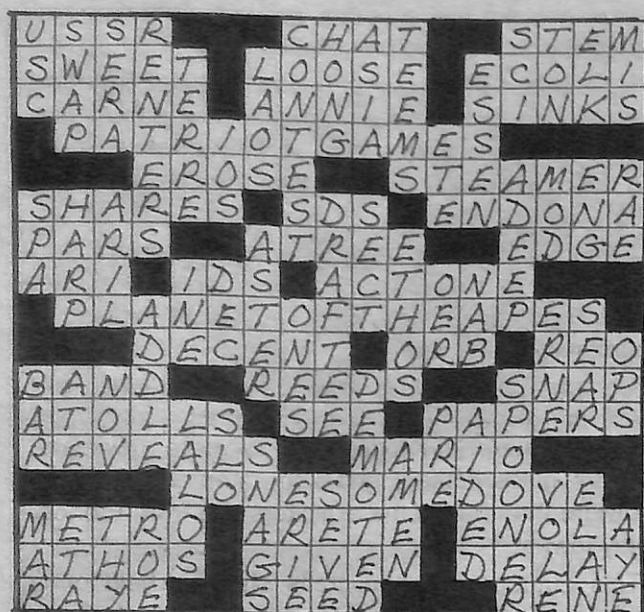
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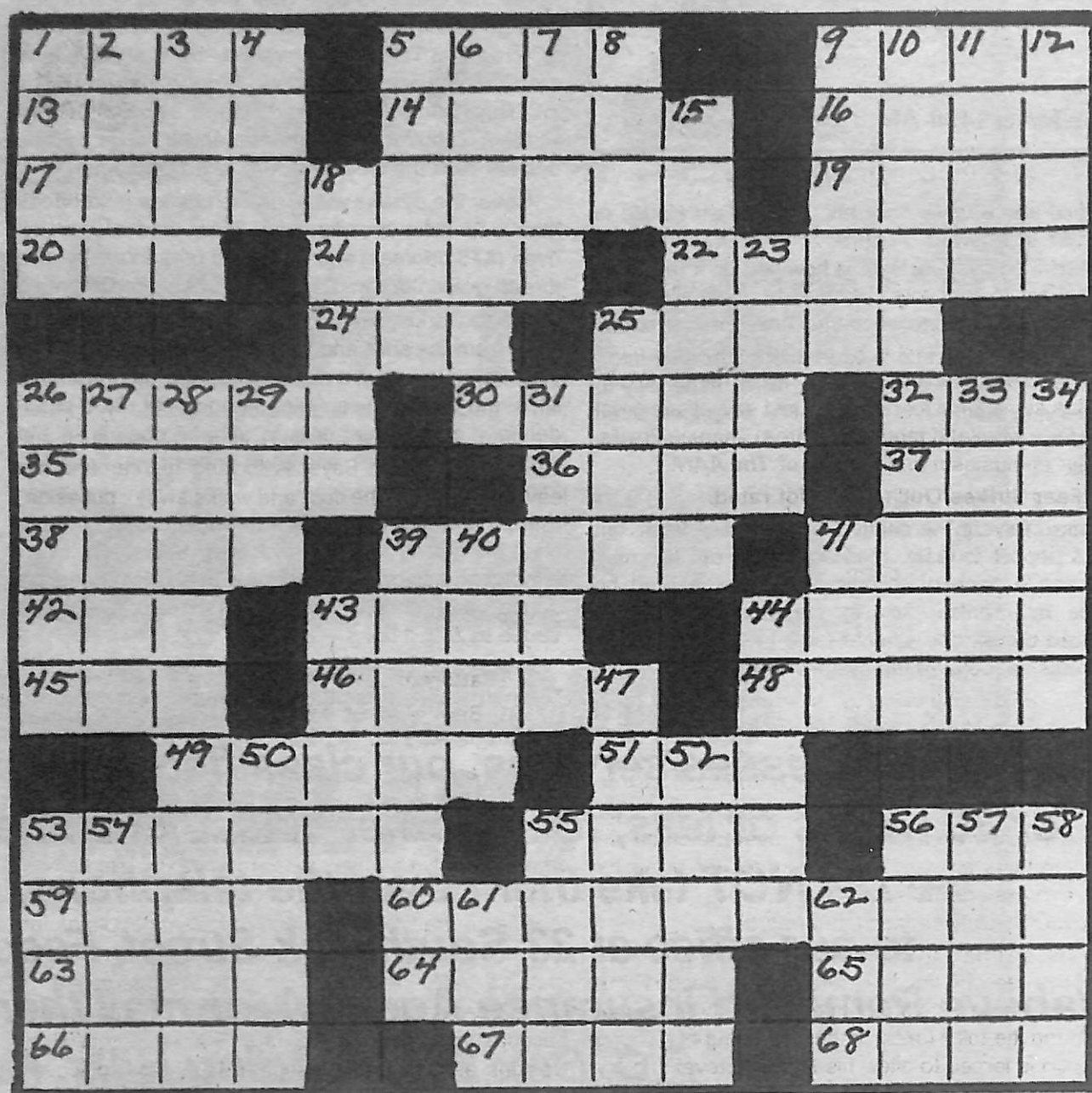


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Meet The Master - by Dick Mastroianni...



Auditions for musical scheduled by Bay Path College

The Theatre Arts Department of Bay Path College will hold auditions for its upcoming musical, **Chicago**, on Monday and Tuesday, September 17th and 18th, at 7:00 p.m. in Mills Theatre, Carr Hall, on the Longmeadow campus. Male and female actors, singers, and dancers age 16 and over are needed for roles in the November 2001 production.

Directed by Professor Paul C. Norton, the musical - which was created by Bob Fosse and is still a hit in New York - is the story of two accused murderers and their friends in the 1920s, and how they manipulate the courts and the press to their advantage.

For more information, contact Norton at (413) 565-1361 or e-mail pnorton@baypath.edu.

Agawam Community Artists to meet on September 10th

The Agawam Community Artists are pleased to present Donna Estabrooks, who will do a demonstration (with participation) in oil pastels and acrylics. Donna uses acrylics and oil pastels to create her art, but says her work "is really about my spirituality." She has a studio in Florence, MA.

The meeting will be held on Monday, September 10th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Agawam.

Meetings and demonstrations of the Agawam Community Artists (held under the auspices of the Agawam Cultural Council) are open to the public.

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The oysters go into a buttermilk bath, then into a clam fry. This is a dry flour mix made especially for deep-frying clams and oysters. Fry 'til golden brown and drain on paper. They are served with the following sauce.

Take 2 C light cream, reduced by half. Add 1 TB horseradish, 1/2 Tsp dill (if dried) or 1 Tsp fresh, and salt & pepper to taste. Then add a Tsp of Dijon mustard and a dash of "Louisiana sunshine" (red hot sauce by Frank's). Mix in the ingredients to the reduced cream and simmer for 2 to 3 min. Let cool. Pour this sauce over the oysters that have been plated.

I also love pan-roasted oysters. I got these recipes from the Palace Cafe in New Orleans on Canal Street. Make this sauce to pour over the oysters, and then they go into a hot oven to brown up the cheese. Take 1C cream, 3 TB Worcestershire, 1/4 C shallots, and 1/4 C white wine. Simmer and reduce the mixture by 1/3. Now, add a TB horseradish and a shot of brandy. Place 2TB butter in a saute pan and quickly cook the oysters. Add the cream mixture to the saute pan.

Cover the oysters with Gruyere cheese (shredded), then add plain breadcrumbs. Place into a very hot oven (475 degrees) and cook until breadcrumbs have turned golden brown. Serve with crusty French bread.

When working with oysters, if you have to remove them from the shell and you get a small cut or two on your hands, wash thoroughly and then take an onion slice and rub the onion juice into the cut. Stop shuddering; it doesn't hurt or burn. What it does is kill the bacteria on the shell, and it will prevent you from getting an infection.

Now, arrange the shells with a raw oyster on each shell on top of a bed of rock salt. Serve with fresh lemons and spicy cocktail sauce. To any jar of cocktail sauce, add enough Worcestershire and red hot sauce to zing it up.

Oysters Rockefeller - why not? Take fresh spinach, cleaned well and sauteed with garlic. Add crumbled

cooked bacon, cream, and Pernod. After cooking the spinach, add a double shot of Pernod and enough cream to make the chopped spinach softened (you can do this in the food processor).

Now, add a TB or two of bacon and salt & pepper to taste. Spoon a generous amount over each oyster on the half shell, then sprinkle a little cheese on top and under the broiler (they go until the cheese is bubbling). Serve immediately.

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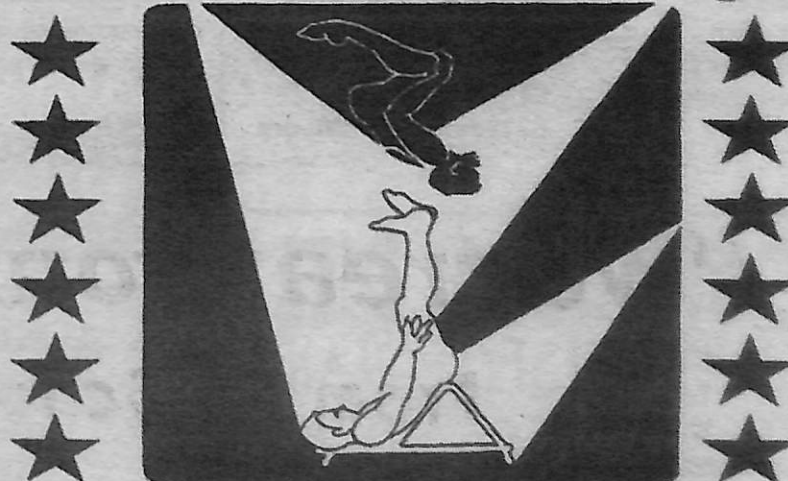
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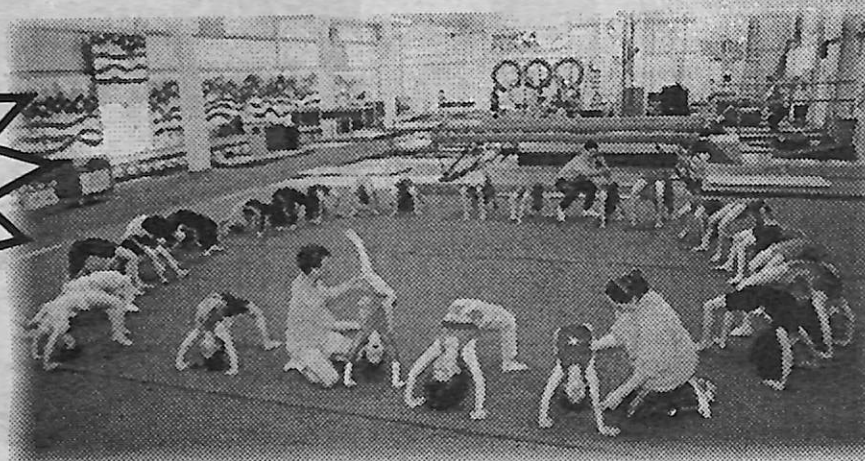


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Education

Agawam High School gains new principal with plans to make a difference

by Kay Saltmarsh
Feature Writer

As of July 2nd, Linda Prystupa became Agawam High School's new principal, and she said she's happy to be in this position so she can directly have a positive impact on both the students and faculty.

Mrs. Prystupa said during the summer she has been getting acclimated with the staff and moving her belongings in.

"First of all, I have been meeting with the staff members on a one-on-one basis," Mrs. Prystupa said. "It's been quite a learning experience, and we all have been generating some great ideas for the fall."

Almost immediately after Mrs. Prystupa was hired, she said it was important to get to know the staff and the programs at Agawam High School. "It's good to build on the successes of the past and improve on the weaknesses. I want to make Agawam High School the best high school in the area."

Over the next few years, Mrs. Prystupa said it's not always going to be easy because there will be big changes in the Agawam School System that include people leaving.

One significant change will be that Mary Czajkowski will be taking over the position of Superintendent of Agawam Schools from current Superintendent Frank Ameruso in September 2002.

Mrs. Prystupa said during the hiring process, Ameruso, Dr. Czajkowski, and Deputy Superintendent Donald Charest were the decision-makers when it came time to select a new Agawam High School principal.

One of the requirements to be the next Agawam High School principal included being certified in administrative services for at least three years, Mrs. Prystupa said. "The interview process itself included both parents and School Committee directors asking various questions about philosophies of education and future accomplishments."

Prior to being selected as the new Agawam High School principal, Mrs. Prystupa was, for the past three years, assistant principal of Central High School in Springfield.

Czajkowski, assistant superintendent of Agawam Schools, said she had the opportunity to be on the selection committee and spent a day at Central High School during the selection process.

Weekly meetings between Czajkowski and Mrs. Prystupa have been designed to discuss changes in the High School and to identify student needs, as well as to work as a team and implement goals, Czajkowski said. "I think she will do very well as Agawam High School's new principal," Czajkowski said.

Mrs. Prystupa said since the class of 2003 will be required to pass both the English and Math parts of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment Systems (MCAS) test, she has cultivated ways for students to achieve this requirement. "We are working out better ways of delivering to the students, as well as monitoring students so they will feel more of a connection with the school."

She has been working closely with her two assistants, Deputy Principal Kathleen McSweeney and Dean of Students Bernadette Conte.

"They have been exceptionally helpful with illustrating Agawam High School's culture and the way things are done here," Mrs. Prystupa said.

Our office will be closed on Monday, September 3rd due to the Labor Day holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday, September 4th at 7:00 a.m. Our deadline for the September 6th issue will be September 4th at 12:00 noon...



LINDA PRYSTUPA, the new principal of Agawam High School. Advertiser News photo by Kay Saltmarsh.

In relation to the Springfield School System, Mrs. Prystupa said Agawam is a lot smaller; however, she said there are probably more similarities than differences.

"There are about 400 less students in Agawam compared to Central High School," Mrs. Prystupa said. "There was more of an ethnic mix in Springfield, but I believe students are students with the same needs, desires, and goals."

In addition to being Central High School's assistant principal for the last three years, Mrs. Prystupa previously taught in a few school systems, including teaching as a science teacher at both the middle and high school levels, teaching neural biology as an adjunct faculty member on the college level, and working as a mentoring teacher in Springfield (which entailed going to area schools and improving teaching).

Mrs. Prystupa received a bachelor's degree in biology from Worcester State College, where she also minored in educational psychology and natural sciences.

"I did my graduate work and received fellowships in neural biology and educational psychology at Clark University in Worcester and Mount Holyoke College," Mrs. Prystupa said. "I went on to American International College (AIC) for a master's certification of graduate studies (CAGS) and a doctorate in education (EDD)."

Mrs. Prystupa currently resides in Wilbraham with her husband, and has a son and a daughter.

The commute to Agawam usually takes about 25 to 30 minutes (depending on the traffic), but Mrs. Prystupa said she doesn't mind the commute since, at one point in her life, she commuted to Worcester.

"This is a big job and I'm never going to make everyone happy, but I will try as hard as I can to be a good principal for Agawam High School," Mrs. Prystupa concluded. "I want to make a difference and help make Agawam High School a pleasant experience for all students and faculty."

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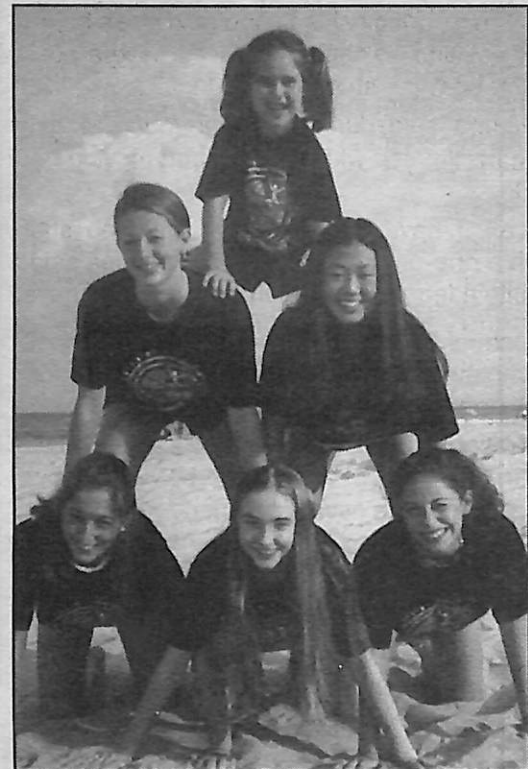
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Alexis Ferioli moves to next office as new exec. secretary

by Kay Saltmarsh
Feature Writer

On Monday, August 13th, Alexis Ferioli of Feeding Hills officially became both the executive secretary to the Superintendent of Agawam Schools as well as the recording secretary to the Agawam School Committee.

Mrs. Ferioli said she decided to take on both positions for a new challenge, as well as combining the two positions to make for a smooth transition when Mary Czajkowski takes over as superintendent of the Agawam School System in September of 2002.

"I believe it's important to challenge yourself so you don't become stagnant or complacent," Mrs. Ferioli said.

Responsibilities as executive secretary consist of coordinating interviews for new hires to the Agawam School System, preparing meetings for the administration and School Committee, maintaining personnel files on all employees, and preparing state reports for the school system.

"I have set two priorities," Mrs. Ferioli said. "I first want to learn as much as I can so when Dr. Czajkowski becomes the new superintendent in 2002, I will be a true asset to her."

"Secondly, I want to make this the best year for Dr. (Frank) Ameruso (Agawam's current superintendent) so he can end on a high note," Mrs. Ferioli said. "Dr. Ameruso has been Agawam's superintendent for four years and I want to make his last year productive and happy."

Ferioli said her duties as recording secretary for the School Committee include maintaining policy books with updates and revisions, recording minutes at all meetings, assembling any materials, and delivering the materials in packets to the School Committee on a biweekly basis.

With both positions, Mrs. Ferioli said it will be a def-



ALEXIS FERIOLI

inite challenge since she has never been so directly involved with the School Committee on this type of level.

"It will be interesting working with seven individuals who are so diverse," Mrs. Ferioli said.

Mayor Richard A. Cohen serves as the chairman of the School Committee, the vice-chairwoman is

Roberta Doering, and the secretary is Susan Pettazzoni. The remaining members are Susan Dawson, Linda Galarneau, Teresa Kozloski, and Rosemary Sandlin.

Prior to working for the Agawam School Department, Mrs. Ferioli worked at the Agawam Junior High School for 10 years as the secretary to the Assistant Principal, and at *The Agawam Advertiser* for five years as a school department editor.

"I honed my writing skills while working at *The Advertiser News*," Mrs. Ferioli said.

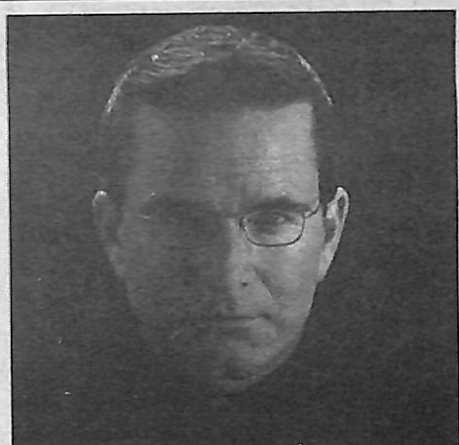
In addition to working for the Agawam School System for many years, Mrs. Ferioli was a "stay at home mom" until her children were older, and she said she also modeled for G-Fox.

Previously, Ann Phillips held both jobs as executive secretary as well as recording secretary. Miss Phillips recently began a post at the Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative, working directly under the executive director.

Mrs. Ferioli lives in Feeding Hills with her husband, Jack, and she has two grown children, Julie and Anthony.

Mrs. Ferioli also said she is a "product" of the Agawam School System, as she attended Peirce School (which is now the Agawam Police Station).

"I am consumed with learning my new position because there is so very much to learn," Mrs. Ferioli said. "I will now be dealing much more with personnel and policy, whereas before I was more involved in the curriculum development. I see myself now spending as much time as possible learning my jobs thoroughly."



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"Back-To-School" Night slated at the Jr. High

Agawam Junior High School Principal Kevin C. Littlefield has announced that a "Back-To-School" Night will be conducted for parents on Monday, September 10th, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Parents are advised to meet in the school auditorium at 6:30 p.m., where the evening's format will be explained and directions will be given to homerooms. At 7:00 p.m., parents of seventh- and eighth-grade students will follow their child's daily schedule and meet with subject teachers in a classroom setting.

Littlefield suggests that parents bring their child's agenda/planner with them to "Back-To-School" Night, since its usage will be reviewed and it contains their child's daily class schedule.

He explains that teacher presentations will highlight exactly what students have been told during their first class meetings. Included will be course expectations, homework, testing, project work, discipline, and attendance.

Littlefield points out that the brief meeting time will not allow parents to discuss personal aspects of their child's education with teachers. Conference nights for that purpose have been scheduled in the near future.

Doris Gobeille to receive \$1,500 scholarship

Doris (Russo) Gobeille, a 1962 graduate of Agawam High School, will receive a \$1,500 scholarship from USA Funds, the nation's largest student loan guarantor, and USA Education, Inc., the nation's leading provider of education funding. These funds will help Gobeille - a non-traditional adult student - as she pursues an associate's degree in graphic design at Holyoke Community College.

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For more information on the USA Education, Inc./USA Funds Scholarship Program, or to view a list of this year's scholarship recipients, visit www.wired-scholar.com or www.usafunds.org.

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Registration nights scheduled for Cub Pack 75

Cub Pack 75, sponsored by Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills, will be holding registration nights on Thursday, September 6th, and on Tuesday, September 11th, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. on both evenings.

We are also there on Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Come to the Sacred Heart Parish Center to join our Pack 75. This is for boys in first through fifth grade.

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Bay Path College schedules open house for new students

Bay Path College will hold an open house program for prospective students and their families on Sunday, September 16th, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the Longmeadow campus of the private, undergraduate college for women.

Participants will attend two mini-classes of their choice as well as a career workshop, "How to Choose the Right Major for the Perfect Career," conducted by a professional career counselor. Following lunch, there will be campus tours and the opportunity to have a personal interview with an admissions counselor.

To register for the September 16th open house and choose mini-classes, please call (413) 565-1331 or toll-free (800) 782-7284, ext. 331; e-mail admiss@baypath.edu; or visit the Bay Path website, www.baypath.edu.

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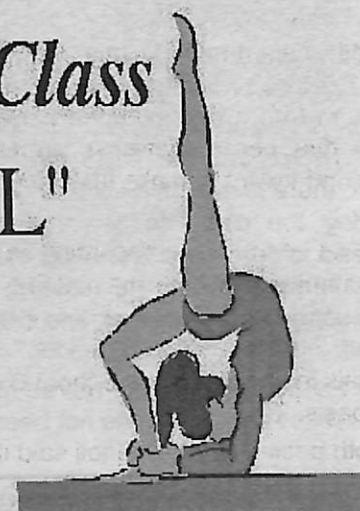
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Custodians achieve impeccable conditions for schools

by Kathy Shepard
Feature Editor

As Mayor Richard A. Cohen toured Agawam Middle School with members of the custodial crew, he remembered comments from the dignitaries from Reggio Calabria, Agawam's Sister City in Italy, when they were guests in Agawam last October.

"Every one of the people who came here from Italy praised the cleanliness of our schools and commented on our system of employing people to maintain the public schools. The town and the schoolchildren are very fortunate to have such a dedicated and devoted group of individuals maintaining their schools. The upkeep of our schools is second to none," noted Cohen.

Bill Metcalf, acting senior building custodian, and Douglas Conner, junior building custodian, took time recently to give the Mayor a tour of the Middle School.

Metcalf said, "Most people think that custodians just push brooms and maintain bathrooms. It's a lot more involved than that. Custodians get training in the proper use of certain chemicals and solutions. Getting a solution in the correct proportion can be critical." (Critical not only to the function of the product, but also to the health and safety of people in the area.)

Applications of some industrial compounds call for ventilation or other protective adaptations.

"The crew is trained on-site with standard operating procedures, which vary for each school. During the school year, there is a night crew and one senior custodian during the day. The senior custodian does inventory and orders supplies while overseeing the day-to-day requirements. He covers lunch duty, polices the school for vandalism, and calls in repairs," said Metcalf.

The replacement for recently retired Middle School senior custodian Ron Carrol has not been announced at presstime.

"The big push today is air quality," continued Metcalf. "We maintain the univents by vacuuming out all dust and debris, lubricating the equipment, and changing filters. The filters are changed about five times a year; once each school vacation and once in the summer. All the desks and furniture are cleaned. We take them right out of the rooms and shampoo the carpets. The halls are stripped, sealed, and freshly waxed in the summer, and during vacations they are touched up."

After being thoroughly washed down and dusted, the walls of all rooms in the Middle School were freshly painted by one of the Building Maintenance craftsmen. Building Maintenance consists of several specialists, such as craftsmen, plumbers, painters, electricians, handymen, and custodians. The custodial crew cleans up after the painting is finished in the classrooms, hallways, or other areas.

It might be noted that the choices of color are pleasing to the eye: soft, pastel hues which tend to soothe and relax, allowing students to focus on learning and absorbing their lessons. The custodial crew repairs damaged desks, door handles, or other fixtures, and they are also responsible for cleaning shades, windows, chalkboards, the baseboards, and the outside section of all windows.

Another summer project is the sanding and resurfacing of the gymnasium floor. Metcalf and Conner pointed out that the crew relamps all the lights. There



THE CUSTODIAL CREW at Agawam High School says the building is nearly ready for the start of the school year on Wednesday, September 5th. Front row (clockwise): Russell Duval, Keith Carrier, Michael LaPlante, and Kenneth Grady III. Back row (from left): Stanley Marek, Venerdi Grumoli, Ronald Ennaco, and Donna Blews. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

are 24 light fixtures in every classroom, with 19 rooms on one floor and 13 on another, plus the lights in the library, the lounge, the halls, gym, offices, and auditorium.

"Another of our responsibilities in the summer," Metcalf continued, "is to move all chairs from the auditorium, shampoo the carpets, and resurface and coat the stage floor."

The cleansing of the cafeteria is another large undertaking, whereby the crew removes all chairs and tables then strips, resurfaces, and seals the floor.

Metcalf also told us, "The crew clears all built-up dirt outside when we wash the windows, obviously so no dust and debris will catch on the freshly-washed panes. We are responsible for snow removal in the doorways and on the stairs, and we put down the ice melter so the kids won't slip."

Tony Albro, Director of Building Maintenance, remarked, "I don't think folks realize just how much work these guys do in the summer to get our schools ready for the September opening. Everything is disinfected and cleaned; the lights are all changed; the walls are freshly painted; the floors are waxed; and when schools open in the fall, they are spotless, with every system in working

order."

Cohen summarized the efforts of Building Maintenance, including the custodial crew, with these words: "I am proud of the job they do. Everyone who visits our schools can see the quality job our custodial staff does with pride. Thank you to all of you for your hard work in the summer and throughout the year."

The following is the employee list of the Building Maintenance Department:

Richard Allen, Clark; **Dana Almquist**, Junior High; **Raymond Barszcz**, Junior High; **Eric Beaulieu**, Maintenance; **David Benoit**, Library/Police; **William Benoit**, Junior High; **Michael Blake**, Robinson; **Donna Blews**, AHS; **Edward Bushaw**, Maintenance;

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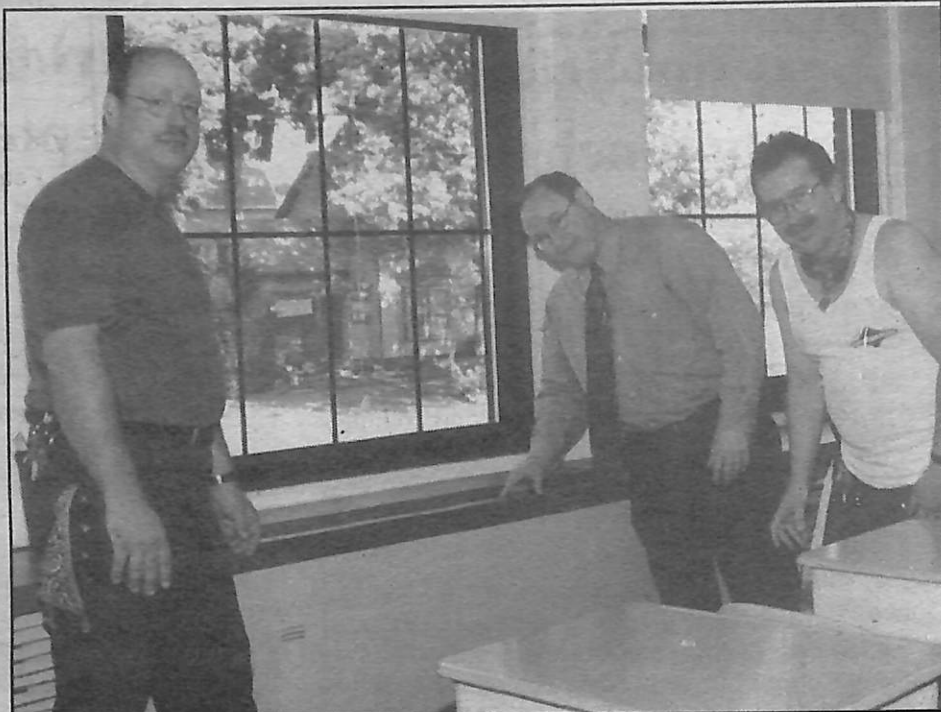
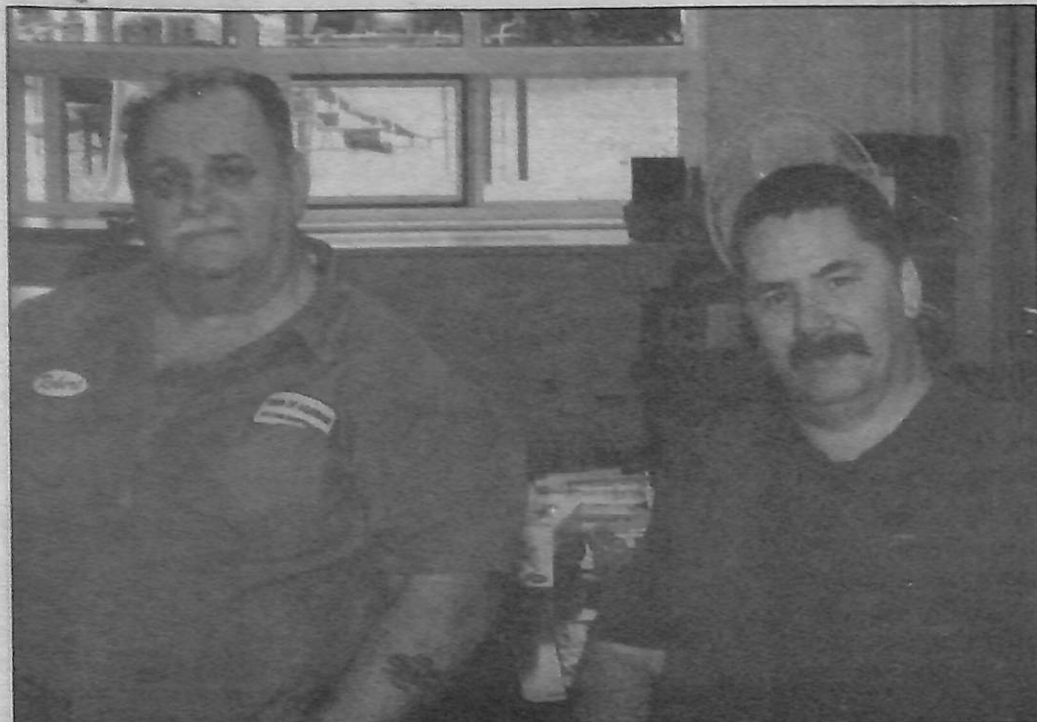
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In left photo: Robinson Park School custodians Robert Pollack (left) and Michael Blake take a break from their busy late-summer schedule. In right photo: Agawam Middle School custodians Bill Metcalf (left) and Douglas Conner (right) look on as Mayor Richard A. Cohen inspects one of the school's classrooms. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

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Keith Carrier, AHS; Paul Charter, Phelps; Douglas Conner, Middle; Vasco Costa, Maintenance; Jeffrey DeBlois, Middle School; Ernest DeGrandpre, Junior High/Clark; Arthur Dupre, Clark; Russell Duval, AHS; Ronald Ennaco, AHS.

Nelson Goncalves, Maintenance; Kenneth Grady III, AHS; Venerdi Grumoli, AHS; Eugene Hurteau, AHS; Roger Jones, Middle School; Richard Labun, AHS; Michael LaPlante, AHS; Mark Levesque, Town Hall/Early Childhood Center; Theodore Lockwood, Phelps; Joseph Mannix, Maintenance; Kevin Marek, Junior High; Stanley Marek, AHS; William Metcalf, Middle School; Paul Meunier, Maintenance; Keith Nicoli, Granger; Andrew Pac, Granger; Robert Pollack, Robinson; Richard Reed, Maintenance; Joe Salvador, Maintenance; Peter Sibilia, Robinson; Daniel Simpson, Phelps; Robert Smith, Granger; Daniel Sullivan, Maintenance; Alonzo Waterman, Maintenance; Douglas White, Maintenance; and Ross Wojcik, Junior High.

Clark School announces PTO board members

According to Principal Sandra Howard, James Clark School is pleased to announce their PTO board members for the upcoming 2001-2002 academic year. This year, Clark School is proud again to participate in the "Big Help" program, which entails students and parents donating their time, services, or specific items to agencies in need.

Also, the families of Clark School will gather in tradition for their annual December "Holiday Night," along with new and exciting programs and events that build the community spirit we are so proud of at Clark School. Our many thanks to our returning board members and a huge welcome to our new ones. Look for us this year!

Mark your calendar for our first PTO meeting on September 11th in the James Clark School cafeteria from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at which time you can meet our members:

Lisa Booth and Maryann Paleologopoulos, Co-Presidents; Kathy Wheeler and Louise Lombardi, Co-Secretaries; Gail Mathes, Charlotte Bruso, and Karen Gay, Book Fair Committee; Sue Ghedi and Angela Kodess, Birthday Board Committee; Lynne Michel and Deena Moore, Birthday Table Committee; Sherry Carter, Treasurer; Robin Zello, Fundraising; Cindy Leclair, Hospitality; Carla Chase, Yearbook Committee; Karen Gay, Box Top Committee; Charlotte Bruso, Campbell's Soup Label Committee; Beverly DeGeorge, Teacher Representative; and Valerie Liptak, Teacher Representative.

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Thurs., Sept. 6th: Gilardi's stuffed crust pizza, chips, fresh whole baby carrots, assorted chilled fruit, school-baked brownie.

Fri., Sept. 7th: Hot dog on a roll w/condiments, oven-baked beans, vegetable pasta salad, assorted chilled fruit, Jello w/topping.

Junior High School

Mon., Sept 3rd: Labor Day.

Tues., Sept. 4th: Teacher in-service day.

Wed., Sept. 5th: "Welcome back!" Six chicken nuggets w/dipping sauce, steamed white rice, seasoned corn, assorted chilled fruit, assorted pudding.

Thurs., Sept. 6th: Gilardi's stuffed crust pizza, chips, fresh whole baby carrots, assorted chilled fruit, school-baked brownie.

Fri., Sept. 7th: Hot dog on a roll w/condiments, oven-baked beans, seasoned green beans, assorted chilled fruit, ice cream sandwich.

Middle & Elementary Schools

Mon., Sept 3rd: Labor Day.

Tues., Sept. 4th: Teacher in-service day.

Wed., Sept. 5th: "Welcome back!" Five chicken nuggets w/dipping sauce, steamed white rice, seasoned corn, assorted chilled fruit, assorted pudding.

Thurs., Sept. 6th: Gilardi's pepperoni pizza wedge, chips, fresh whole baby carrots, assorted chilled fruit, school-baked brownie.

Fri., Sept. 7th: Hot dog on a roll w/condiments, oven-baked beans, seasoned green beans, assorted chilled fruit, California raisins.

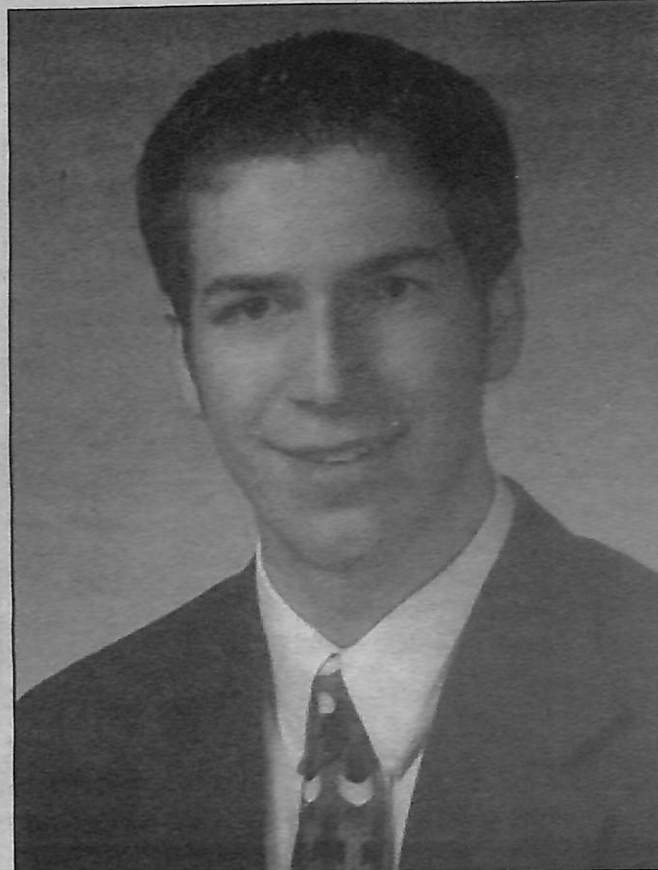
Daryl St. Laurent accepted to MIT master's program

Daryl St. Laurent, a 1998 graduate of Agawam High School, has been accepted by the biomedical engineering department for a master of engineering degree at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge. The 12-month program will begin in the summer of 2002.

Daryl, a senior at MIT, has maintained a 4.93 grade point average (out of 5.0) during his first three years at the institute. He has been actively involved in MIT's Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program, working in their new sports laboratory where he developed a workout tool to aid in rock-climbing skills. Another project involved testing a ski boot for Lange designed to minimize ACL injury. He is currently working with bioreactors, developing an oxygen diffusion model.

Daryl is a chemical engineering major with a minor in biomedical engineering. He has applied to the master's program in chemical engineering as well, and will have to decide between the two programs by January of 2002.

Daryl is a member of the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity, and is entering his third year on the MIT ski team after one year on the crew team. In his spare time, he serves as social chairman of his fraternity and studies jiu jitsu. He also has been employed by an MIT professor as a grader for an undergraduate course, and



DARYL ST. LAURENT

is currently developing a computer program that will be used in a new biomedical engineering class in the spring.

Daryl's parents, Dennis and Susan, live in Feeding Hills. His sister, Kerry, attends UMass Amherst as an art major.

Michael Albro on Dean's List at Merrimack

Michael Albro of Feeding Hills was among those students named to the spring 2001 Dean's List at Merrimack College in North Andover, MA.

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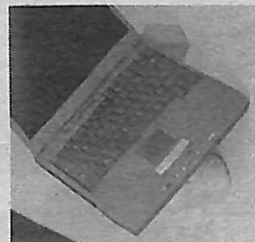
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New leader in Agawam School System embraces change

by Kay Saltmarsh
Feature Writer

When Assistant Superintendent of Schools Mary Czajkowski takes on the role of superintendent in September of 2002, she said she wants to be more visible in the community and share her vision and goals, so that the Agawam School System will continue to succeed.

"My primary responsibilities entail curriculum," Ms. Czajkowski said. "I also oversee the guidance counselors, school adjustment counselors, and school psychologists for the Agawam Schools."

Ms. Czajkowski said her current position as assistant superintendent also includes a long list of responsibilities such as professional development of the Agawam School System, establishing a transitional bilingual education program, as well as a Russian bilingual program.

In addition to her main responsibilities, Ms. Czajkowski said she is working closely with current Superintendent Frank Ameruso to prepare for the transition that will take place on September 1st of next year.

"I have been involving myself in every aspect of his job," Ms. Czajkowski said. "For example, beginning this year, I attended superintendent meetings for the Pioneer Valley Educational Services. I also attend monthly Connecticut Valley Round Table meetings for superintendents." She is also working closely with current Deputy Superintendent Donald Charest regarding the budget aspect of the Agawam School System. "This is a year full of changes and transitions," Ms. Czajkowski said.

Another change that will take place next year will be when Charest leaves his position as deputy superintendent.

Ameruso commented on the changes in the future, "Change is a normal and healthy process in any organization, and the replacements for these changes have all the necessary qualities to keep Agawam moving in the right direction. I am very confident in Dr. Czajkowski as my replacement," Ameruso said.

In preparation for the position of Superintendent of Agawam Schools, Ms. Czajkowski said this past July she attended a conference for the Massachusetts Association of Schools for new superintendents in Falmouth.

"It was a very informative session for all new superintendents in the state, and it was a great opportunity to network with other new superintendents," Ms. Czajkowski said. "Just in this area, we will have four new superintendents."

There will be follow-up conferences in the near future that offer support with leadership and academic strategies, according to her.

In addition to the many conferences she has been attending, Ms. Czajkowski plans to attend workshops for supervision and evaluations of administration, school finance, school community facility planning, and school law.

"I think this year I will be working more closely with the principals, and I look forward to so many things in the years ahead," Ms. Czajkowski said.

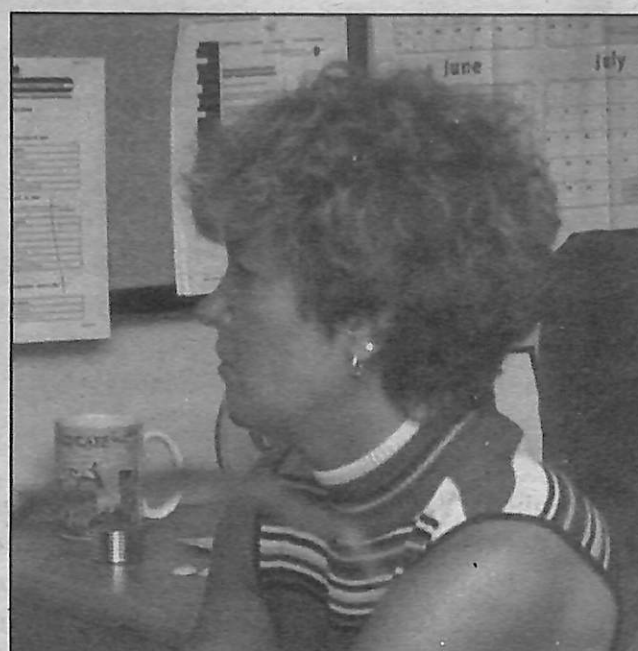
Another area Ms. Czajkowski wants to focus on is student improvement in the Agawam Schools.

"We can accomplish this vision by looking at student weaknesses and help students who are struggling," Ms. Czajkowski said. "We have already begun to do this and it is something vital that we need to continue to improve on. I feel very fortunate to have the opportunity to shadow and learn from our current superintendent, Dr. Ameruso, about what needs to be done to improve the Agawam School System. I think it's excellent that I can tap into the expertise and resources of someone who has been here for the last 40 years.

"What will help determine success is by surrounding myself with people [in the Agawam School System] along with the principals who are strong and share the same visions I have," Ms. Czajkowski said. "We will continue to be able to build a team that is loyal and trustworthy, and that will make for an effective outcome of successes."



In left photo: Alexis Ferioli, Executive & Recording Secretary of Agawam Schools, and Assistant Superintendent Mary Czajkowski. In right photo: Ms. Czajkowski prepares for her new role as superintendent (beginning in September 2002). Advertiser News photos by Kay Saltmarsh.



To that end, Ms. Czajkowski said she is building relationships with all the principals in the Agawam School System. "I am also building relationships with the directors of athletics and student and physical educational services," Ms. Czajkowski said.

This summer, Ms. Czajkowski has been extremely devoted to her job and is making efforts to balance between work and play.

"It's important to have that balance, and it's a constant struggle for me because I am so driven towards my vision of success," Ms. Czajkowski said.

When Ms. Czajkowski is not working, she said she likes to read, play golf, and relax at her summer home in Truro (in the outer Cape Cod area). "That is my retreat, where I can go and have a nice place to relax," Ms. Czajkowski said.

Ms. Czajkowski resides in Agawam, where she has lived for the past two years.

Ms. Czajkowski graduated from Chicopee Comp and went on to attend the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, where she earned a bachelor degree of science in 1979.

"In 1991, I received my master's degree of education from UMass, and in October of 2000, I received my doctorate in educational leadership at NOVA Southeastern University in Florida," Ms. Czajkowski said.

Prior to her current position as assistant superintendent of Agawam Schools, she was a teacher in East Longmeadow from 1980-1996, and a curriculum coordinator from 1992-1996.

In January of 1997, she became the director of curriculum in Agawam, and then on July 1, 1998 she was promoted to her current position.

"I look forward to presenting my vision to the Agawam Schools and the community," Ms. Czajkowski said. "I think a lot of change has occurred in the last five years that are positive, and I want to continue in that direction," Ms. Czajkowski concluded.

She inked a three-year contract with the Agawam Schools earlier this month as the new superintendent, again, effective September 1, 2002.


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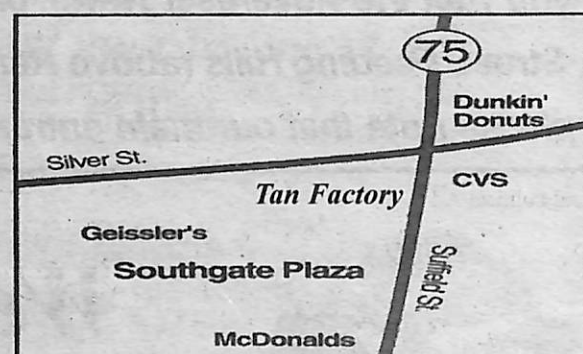
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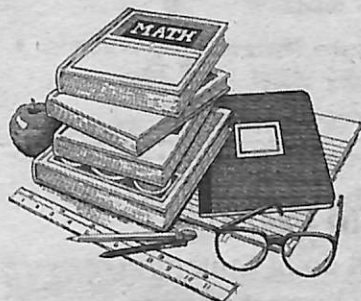
In top photo: Hana Al-Attar (front row, center) with students from Gina's Family Daycare - Sarah Phelps, Jamie Buoniconti, Stephen Buoniconti, Zachary Connor, Nico Connor, Gino Palazzi, Briana Maggi, Alexis Maggi, Vincenzo Palazzi, and Karli Connor. In photo below: Hana with her family on the day of their trip to Boston.



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On Thursday, August 16th, Hana's wish came true and, along with her family, Hana had a fun-filled day in Boston visiting the Aquarium and Quincy Market.

A special thanks to Ed Dersarkis, owner of Deluxe Limousine Service in Agawam, who donated a brand-new, white, 10-passenger limo for the special day; Betty, who works in the office and gave special detail to all of the arrangements; and Ann the driver, who did an outstanding job and gave them a very memorable day.

Thank you to everyone who helped and made such generous donations in which all proceeds went to Hana and her family.

Open house for Troop 77 on September 19th

Troop 77 will be having an open house at St. John's Hall on Wednesday, September 19th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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Sports

In singles tennis...

Altobelli wins gold at national Senior Games

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

One of the best senior athletes in Massachusetts is Agawam's Rudy Altobelli.

Recently, he showed that he is one of the top senior tennis players in the country when he won the 71 year-old title at the national Senior Games in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

It was the third time he'd been to the games to compete in tennis; first, in the 60 year-old category, where he won the singles crown; the second came in the 65s, where he won a bronze medal.

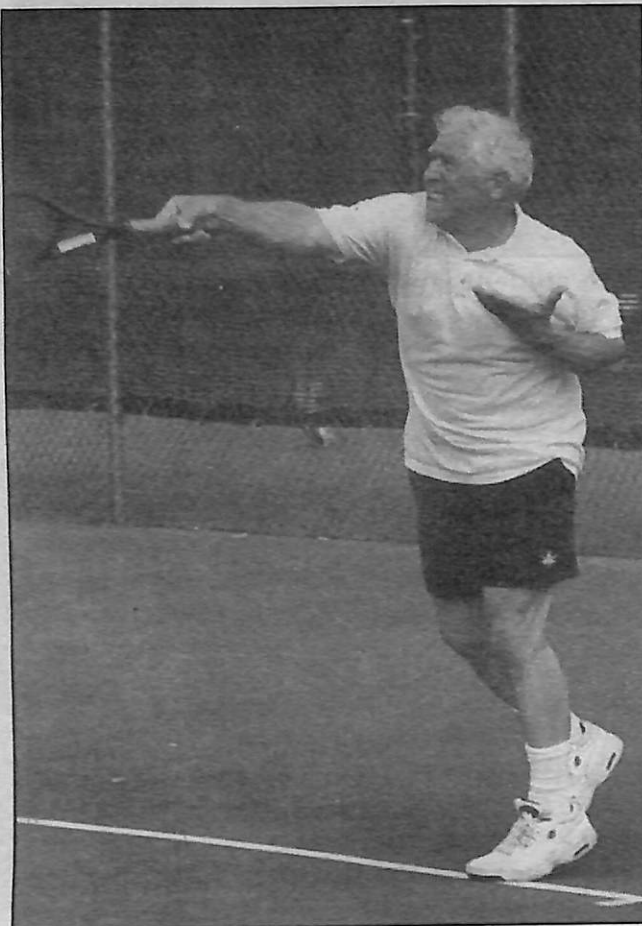
To qualify for the Senior Games, you need to be either a silver or gold medalist in your region. Altobelli has mined local tennis gold for the past eight years. The Games are held every two years.

Altobelli (who graduated from West Side and played football, hockey, and baseball) earned a bachelor's degree from American International College, and his master's from Springfield College.

He described the action in Baton Rouge: "There were 32 players in the 71 age division. You had to win five matches to win the title. It was hot and humid every day, which took its toll."

Altobelli continued, "My toughest fight came in the semi-finals against a guy from Illinois who was ranked 20th in the country. I beat him 6-4 in the first set. He won the second, 2-6. The third was tough, but I beat him 10-8 in a tie-breaker."

Then he added, "I think the weather had something to do with it because he seemed to fade at the end," Altobelli said with a smile.



RUDY ALTOBELLI demonstrates his "love" for the game of tennis.

You have to qualify for the nationals every two years.

"Yeah, and it's an eight-day affair. I also played four days of doubles, but we didn't do that well. I'm at my best in singles competition, I guess," he noted.

His family - Peg (wife), Bobby (son), and Christine (daughter) - didn't go with him because of other commitments, like raising young families. Peg is a former outstanding semi-pro bowler. Bobby and Christine are both Agawam grads and outstanding athletes in their own right.

"It was still a good time in Baton Rouge, though," admitted Altobelli.

At 71, he is in top shape, which he credits to a vigorous life that includes hockey in the winter, jogging, and tennis whenever possible at the Forest Park clay courts in Springfield (and indoors during bad weather).

Altobelli also stressed that a good and positive attitude is extremely important to fitness, plus a sensible diet. He has no plans to slow down and noted that people can be competitive well into their 80s and beyond.

He is well-known throughout the region for his tennis abilities, winning many local singles and doubles tournaments in addition to New England tournaments.

Altobelli is a former business teacher at Agawam High School, as well as being the retired Agawam town treasurer.

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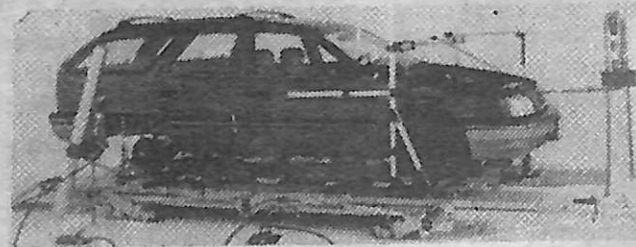
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Interview with AHS alumnus Carlo Imelio, the man behind "Beat Carlo" (Part 4)

by Rich Morassi

(Carlo Imelio, a 1954 Agawam High graduate, later became one of the region's most respected and admired sports writers for the Springfield Union-News and Sunday Republican. In a series of articles, Feeding Hills Attorney Richard Morassi has told of Carlo's remarkable rise from humble beginnings here in town to reach the pinnacle of his field before recently retiring.)

In the last two weeks in *The AAN*, the interview with sportswriter Carlo Imelio took us through his difficult school years where he struggled with a speech impediment, through a stint in the Navy, the Strathmore loading docks, the *Agawam News*, to the *Springfield Union-News*. The interview continues from where Carlo is now a full-time sports reporter.

RM: You ever written anything like a memoir?

CI: No.

RM: All the people you've come across and interviewed?

CI: When I wrote my last article for my retirement, that I tried to touch on quite a few things, but other than that, no I never did. My wife kept every article I ever wrote.

RM: I remember that last article for the *Union*, it was great. In what way did Midge (Carlo's wife) keep all your articles, like in a scrapbook?

CI: No, in boxes in the cellar ... 1970 football, 1970 boxing ... Files. Boxing. Football. High school. College. Miscellaneous features. She's got them all.

RM: Do you ever go back and read any?

CI: I had the opportunity when Nick Buoniconti was named athlete of the century from Western Mass. I went back and looked up his history, just to refresh my memory. So I would refer to the files from time to time.

RM: I have a bias on this question because I'm related to the Buonicontis...

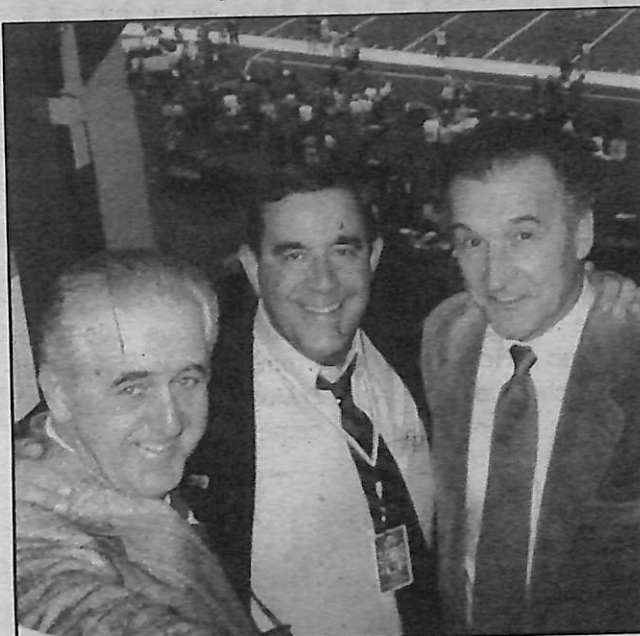
CI: I know.

RM: Do you agree with the assessment that they made, that Nick was the athlete of the century from Western Mass.?

CI: It's hard to disagree with that. He's had a lot of success. Now, I thought Joe Scibelli probably was every bit the great player that Nicky was. But Joe was an offensive lineman on a team that didn't achieve a lot, and he played a less glamorous position. Nick's team won a couple of Super Bowls. It's pretty hard to disagree with Nick not being the most successful athlete; Cathedral, Notre Dame, Patriots, Dolphins, involved in Super Bowls. He certainly has accomplished a great deal as a player. He was voted to the Hall of Fame, later than he should have been, in my opinion.

RM: When did he get traded?

CI: In 1968, I think. He played with the Patriots for seven years.



CARLO IMELIO (far left) with the Patriots' radio "play by play" man, Gil Santos, and color commentator Gino Cappelletti at the Super Bowl in New Orleans in 1997.

RM: So he was not with the Patriots when you started covering them?

CI: I never covered Nick as a Patriot. I ran across him from time to time in Miami, or when he came up here to play.

RM: I'd love to re-read that final article.

CI: My wife will have it.

RM: If it's not a big deal to get it, I remember you writing about the poker games with Bill Parcells.

CI: We took his money regularly.

RM: Do you still follow the Patriots closely?

CI: Not as closely as I used to. I'm still interested in them. I love NFL football. Sunday afternoons. I still keep in touch with a lot of people I worked with, too.

RM: Do you still write at all?

CI: I ran out of words.

RM: When did you retire?

CI: March of 2000.

RM: A year ago.

CI: Then I worked with the *Reminder* until October. At the end, I was struggling.

RM: Did you ever do any other kind of writing?

CI: Yes. There were times when you had to write on subjects not related to sports.

RM: So you liked the sports and putting the sports and the words...

CI: I was never a great sports fan.

RM: You're kidding.

CI: No. I liked the fights. I liked other sports, but I was never a real fan. On TV, I watch the NFL, golf, and horse racing ... that's about it. I was more a fan of journalism than I was of sports.

RM: You were happy with your career?

CI: (Big laugh) I loved that job! Loved writing stories that people liked and enjoyed. Sometimes they'd write saying thanks. I love newspaper movies. My library at home ... Red Smith, Jimmy Cannon - I love writers and writing.

RM: Who is your favorite sports writer?

CI: Red Smith. I have a number of his books. He's my all-time favorite.

RM: Now how did "Beat Carlo" come along?

CI: I was a working newspaper stiff for 14 years before "Beat Carlo." A fellow named Dave Humphrey was our managing editor. It was his idea. He said, "Carlo, I'm gonna make you famous." I said, "David, you're going to make me a damn buffoon." It sounded like it could be a lot of fun after he explained it all. Okay (shrugs shoulder), I said I'll do it.

RM: I never did the contest because I never followed football that closely. I knew about the contest, of course.

CI: We ran the week's NFL games and we had boxes next to the teams scheduled to play each other that week, and the people would pick who they thought would win.

RM: So people would have a schedule and they

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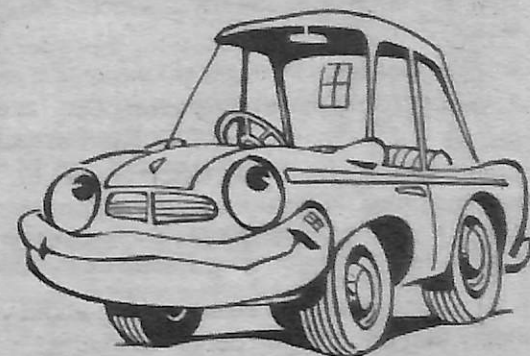
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would pick who they thought was going to win by how much and all that.

CI: No point spread. It was strictly a family thing, and it turned out to be a major family thing.

RM: Do you know how you did overall?

CI: I think it was 68% over the years. I don't know if that was good or bad. I did it 20 years to the Super Bowl.

RM: "Beat Carlo" existed 20 years?

CI: 1980 until I retired.

RM: Is that the kind of thing people that didn't know you well would always talk about?

CI: Absolutely. There's not much notoriety in the newspaper business. Not like TV personalities. But with the contest, my picture was in the paper like three days a week.

RM: Who drew the picture, the caricature?

CI: Mike Nasuti.

RM: What a great drawing.

CI: At the peak, we were getting 7,000 entries a week. The most successful promotion in the history of the newspaper, by far.

RM: Someone would have to tabulate...

CI: By hand! Dave came up to me and said, "Look it, what do you think would make this successful?" I said, "I don't know, Dave, what are we going to get, 50 entries, 100 entries?" The editors said if we get 500 entries a week, we'd be pleased. The first week we got 2,500. And it went up steadily from there. My wife did all the scoring, the poor dear.

RM: She went through thousands each week?

CI: Every Monday, she did all the scoring. She'd open the mail, stack it, count it. On Monday, 5:00 o'clock in the morning, she'd start tabulating the results. Sometimes she'd be working until 7:00 or 8:00 o'clock at night, depending on how I did.

RM: (Laughter) So if you had a bad day, it'd hurt?

CI: People would say, "Oh, you pick the losers just to make it fun." If I had a great week, like 12 to 1, she could flip right through them, "loser, loser, loser, loser..."

RM: The power behind the throne.

CI: And then we had the t-shirts in our garage. She would fold them, large, medium, small, extra large, and mail them.

RM: How would the newspaper benefit from the activity?

CI: We gave out 100 t-shirts a week for 17 weeks. And the grand prize, of course, was the trip to the Super Bowl.

RM: So the newspaper's paying for all of it? There was no entry fee or anything like that?

CI: Yes on the first part, no on the second...

RM: So, when you say it was successful...

CI: Overwhelmingly successful, because they figured ... any promotion, if you get three percent of your readership participation in a promotion, it is worthwhile. It's not just papers sold. It's good will. You've got people talking about the *Union-News*. People are sending in their entries, they're writing letters, they're talking about the paper. A very successful promotion, but not through anything I did.

RM: Well, there must be something about your personality that encouraged people to interact.

CI: Oh, yeah! People were always teasing me, "Hey, Carlo, how many people beat you this week?" I heard that a few million times.

RM: But always with respect; even though we didn't know each other well, we'd be in similar groups and I'd see you getting that. But always very positive. You know, this is a new experience for me, tape-recording an interview. I wouldn't be asking you these questions if I wasn't comfortable with it because you're being so open about your experiences. I think there's got to be something very significant and important here for young people struggling with speech impediments, or whatever.

CI: If there is anything I would want young people who might be struggling with something like I did to know is that it isn't necessarily a life sentence. I didn't achieve great financial success, but I got very, very lucky in that things happened for me. I made a living doing what I loved. But the only thing I can say is that besides not giving up, you have to have an awful lot of

luck. A lot of people along the way helped me out.

RM: How do you feel about Agawam High School as your alma mater?

CI: Proud. It had everything that a guy could want. Many, many fond memories...

RM: Even though you had to start out as hard as you did?

CI: The opportunity was there for anyone of my generation to leave after 12 years fairly well-rounded. They had clean facilities, they had good teachers, everything that a suburban town would need. I have no complaints at all. I have fond memories of it. My kids graduated from Agawam...

RM: How many children do you have?

CI: Two (shows photos), Nick and Joanne.

RM: When I did the story on Aimee Racicot (the Peace Corps volunteer), I was curious about the question - "How did you get from the halls of Agawam High School to the villages of Mozambique?" She said the most specific impetus came from UMass. When

she was at UMass, she got exposed to these Peace Corps veterans and talked about it and all that. But even though while she was in high school she did not have a glimmer at that point in time that she would be where she is today, she felt prepared when she left Agawam for UMass. And in a sense, you were prepared to have a successful stint in the Navy, even though your grades were poor, which took you to the next level of maturity. When these opportunities became available, you grew accordingly.

CI: If you say so. But thanks...

RM: The Strathmorian, the *Agawam News*...

CI: Everything seemed to work out ... The hardest part about the *Springfield Newspaper* job was getting the job. But I was really, really lucky because when I left Agawam, I wasn't really prepared to make a living. But again, it was not the school's fault, it was mine. It was my limitation. Because I had a limitation. You had a limitation, right? (Gesturing to my left arm).

RM: Yes, I did ... do. But like you, I guess, I think I've

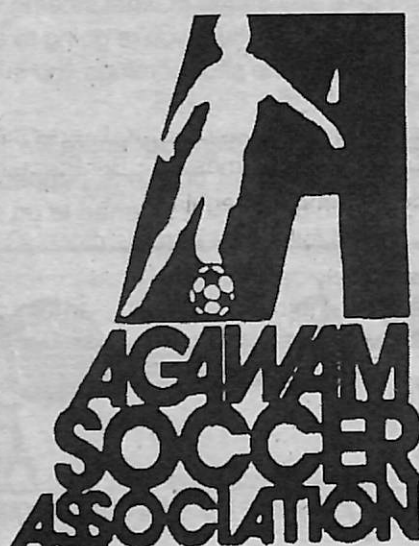
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In left photo: On July 10, 1988, Carlo Imelio (far right) - the man behind "Beat Carlo" - was a special guest at the *Mass. Bowlathon for Exceptional Children*. In right photo: Steve Nelson (left), a former New England Patriot, and Carlo at a golf tournament a few years ago.

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come to terms with it and understand that compared to what some people carry, it's like a scratch.

CI: A lot of people helped me to overcome the handicap I had.

RM: I'm not at all surprised that friends and your peer group were a positive force.

CI: They were. Not that there weren't cruel people along the way. They would tease, and not in a nice way. "Hey, Ca, Ca, Ca, Carlo..." That comes with the territory. I'm not alone there. A lot of kids with stutters get the same. You've got heavy kids that get ridiculed and others that get teased for one thing or another, but I don't think I have any lasting scars. I really don't because I had some positive support all along.

RM: Well, it's great you felt the way you did about the adults at the high school at the time, the faculty.

CI: The opportunities were there; the facilities, the

teachers, the system. Of course, we're talking about the 50s. There was a lot more respect for authority, and fear of failure was always looming. What was I going to do for a living? I mean, I want to marry this girl. What in the world am I going to do for a living?

RM: How am I going to put bread on the table?

CI: Exactly. And so Strathmore to the *Union-News*. Just an incredible journey. It was fun.

RM: So what advice would you give to those struggling in high school? Don't worry about the fact that you don't know specifically what you're going to be doing. Try and take advantage of what's being offered because you don't know where you're going to end up. And don't worry about the shortcomings you think you may have.

CI: I don't think you can plan your entire life; it doesn't work that way. And a lot of things happen. I just wanted to be able to get a job. It seemed to go step by

step, by some good fortune that I happened to land a pretty good job.

RM: Very creative, if you can write for a living. That's what's exciting about Jay's thing ... very creative. (AHS graduate Jay Frasco writes original screenplays and just finished directing his first movie based on his own screenplay.)

CI: That, I think, is more creative than newspaper work. You learn how to become a good mechanic as a reporter. Then, if you have a flair, you can write where you make people laugh, make them cry, make them angry. But writing a screenplay out of your head; we all have a fantasy of doing that. I congratulate him.

RM: Well, I'll make sure you get to see the movie.

(Next week, the series about Carlo Imelio continues in *The AAN* with part one of Carlo's swan song, his last article with the *Springfield Union-News*, wherein he sums up his career.)

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Swimmers must be at least 5 years-old by October 1, 2001, and able to swim one length of the pool to be eligible for the swim team. Practice time and cost will vary based on swimmer's age. Registration will begin in the Recreation Office on September 24th.

New swimmers are welcome to try the swim team for one week, free of charge. There will be a parents' meeting in the Junior High School Cafeteria on Thursday, October 11th, at 7:00 p.m.

Practice begins: Tuesday, October 9, 2001 - Agawam Junior High School, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Public Swim - The Agawam Junior High School Pool will be open for public swim on Friday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

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Swimming Lessons - Youth Swimming Lessons will be offered again this fall by the Springfield YMCA at the Agawam Junior High School. These lessons are one day a week and will last for seven weeks.

Weekdays: Mondays, beginning September 24th (no class on Columbus Day, October 8th); Wednesdays, beginning September 26th (no class on Halloween, October 31st). Times: 4:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Weekends: Saturdays, beginning September 29th (no class on October 6th). Times: 9:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

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Registration for both of these programs will be held on Wednesday, October 3rd, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Agawam Junior High School Cafeteria. Any adult interested in coaching is asked to call the Recreation Office.

"We're Going To The Circus!" - The Parks & Recreation Department is sponsoring a trip to Boston to see the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus at the Fleet Center.

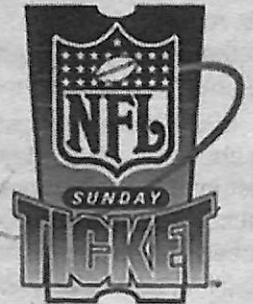
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Ball above your feet

Due to a combination of swing path and face angle, this shot will tend to fly right to left in a draw or hook shape. The ball will go about the same distance as normal, but this time the slope has brought the ball slightly closer to you. Accommodate this by moving your hands down the grip of the club a little, making the playing length of your club shorter.

This is referred to as choking down on the club. As your swing is going to be more around your body on this lie, lay the ball opposite the middle of your stance, and be careful not to be pushed back on to your heels too much - maintain as much of your normal weight distribution as you can.

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Our office will be closed on Monday, September 3rd due to the Labor Day holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday, September 4th at 7:00 a.m. Our deadline for the September 6th issue will be September 4th at 12:00 noon. Thank you for your cooperation.

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The Agawam Soccer Association will again host the Agawam RiverSide Soccer Classic this Labor Day weekend, September 1st through September 3rd. This tournament will feature around 100 teams consisting of boys and girls, ages 9-14.

States that will be represented are Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Connecticut. These teams will be competing in a four-game preliminary, with the top teams advancing to the semi-finals and finals.

The opening games will begin on Saturday, September 1st, at 7:30 at three sites throughout town (Agawam High School, Agawam Junior High School, and Phelps Elementary).

Special attractions for this year's tournament will include:

* An intercollegiate game between the UMass Minutewomen and the Boston College Eagles on Saturday, September 1st, at 7:00 p.m. Game will be held at Agawam High School. Admission: \$4 for adults, \$2 for children/students. (Group discounts are available for 10 or more.)

* The New England Revolution's mascot will be attending the game. Also, Revolution representatives will have raffles during the game.

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Day: Saturday, October 13th. Time: Bus leaves Agawam High School at 9:00 a.m. (showtime is at the 11:30 a.m.). Cost: \$30.00 per person (limit 50 people). Tickets: Can be purchased at the Recreation Office beginning September 11th.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Walking Group - Anyone interested in walking for exercise or using the High School track is encouraged to join us Monday through Thursday evenings from 6:00-8:00 p.m., and Saturday mornings from 7:30-9:30 a.m. at the High School track. The track will be open through October 6th, weather permitting.

Women's Volleyball - Women's volleyball is a supervised volleyball program for Agawam residents ages 18 and over. Proof of age and residency are required for admission.

Mondays, starting September 24th - Agawam Junior High School, 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. Cost: \$3.00/night or \$25.00/10 weeks.

Men's & Co-Ed Volleyball - Men's & co-ed volleyball is a supervised volleyball program for Agawam residents ages 18 and over. Proof of age and residency are required for admission.

Tuesdays, starting September 25th - Agawam High School, 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. Cost: \$3.00/night or \$25.00/10 weeks.

Drop-In Basketball - Drop-in basketball is a supervised basketball program for Agawam residents ages 18 and over. Proof of age and residency is required for admission.

Mondays & Wednesdays, starting October 1st - Agawam High School, 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. Cost: \$2.00/night. (Registration for drop-in basketball is not necessary.)

The drop-in fees for the volleyball and basketball programs are payable to the site supervisor per each visit.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Springfield Falcons Hockey - The Springfield Falcons are pleased to announce seven "Group Nights" at the Nest. These games will benefit the Town of Agawam's Parks & Recreation Department. A one-price ticket of \$7.50 will allow children, adults, and seniors admission to the game(s) of their choice. Tickets must be purchased at the Recreation Department by 12:00 noon on Thursday prior to the game date. Schedule:

* Friday, October 26th, 7:30 p.m. (versus Hartford

Wolf Pack).

* Sunday, November 25th, 4:00 p.m. (versus St. John's Maple Leafs).

* Saturday, December 29th, 7:30 p.m. (versus Providence Bruins).

* Saturday, January 26th, 7:30 p.m. (versus Utah Grizzlies).

* Saturday, February 23rd, 7:30 p.m. (versus Worcester Ice Cats).

* Sunday, March 10th, 4:00 p.m. (versus Portland Pirates).

* Saturday, April 6th, 7:00 p.m. (versus Providence Bruins).

Tennis Lessons - We are expanding our tennis lessons into the fall at Perry Lane for the second year. Children and adults alike can take lessons beginning the week of September 10th and ending the week of September 24th.

Youth Lessons - weekdays, Mondays & Wednesdays. Times: 5:00 to 5:55 p.m. (ages 4-9), 6:00 to 6:55 p.m. (ages 10-17). Cost/Limit: \$35.00 per person/10 per class

Adult Lessons - weekdays, Tuesdays & Thursdays. Times: 5:45 to 7:15 p.m. (ages 18 and older). Cost/Limit: \$40.00 per person/6 per class.

Private/Group Lessons - schedule private or group (up to 4 people) with Fred LaPlace. These lessons will include 4 one-hour lessons that will be scheduled at Perry Lane to meet both Fred's schedule and your availability. Cost/Limit: \$60.00/1 - 4 per group.

Registration for the fall tennis lessons begins Tuesday, September 24th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Recreation Office and will continue until the program is full. Registration is limited and will be taken on a first come, first serve basis.

General Information - The Agawam Parks &

Recreation Office is located in the rear of Agawam High School. Christopher Sparks, Director of Parks & Recreation; Pauline Berthiaume, Administrative Assistant.

Address: 760 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA 01001. Phone: (413) 821-0513 or (413) 821-0514 (answering machine). Fax: (413) 789-2610. E-mail: recreation@agawam.ma.us.

Refunds - If a class is cancelled by the Recreation Department, a full refund will be given. A \$15.00 fee will be charged for all refunds due to participant cancellation. There are NO MAKE-UPS FOR MISSED CLASSES.

Bounced Check Fees - The Town of Agawam will impose a \$25.00 fee on checks returned due to insufficient funds.

Registration - Registration must be done in person. No phone registrations will be accepted. Enrollment for all programs is limited on a first come, first serve basis. Full payment is required with registration for all courses. Make checks payable to "Town of Agawam."

A parent's or legal guardian's signature is required for all youth programs.

Inclement Weather/Make-Up Policy - In the case of severe weather conditions, the Recreation Department will list all cancellations on TV channels 22 and 40 and on the Recreation Department's answering machine. Classes cancelled due to inclement weather will not be made up. Please call the Recreation Office at 821-0514.

Insurance - The Town of Agawam does not carry insurance to cover medical costs or hospitalization for anyone injured in or watching any of our Parks & Recreation programs. Program participants must sign a grant of permission and release waiver to participate in Recreation Department-sponsored activities.

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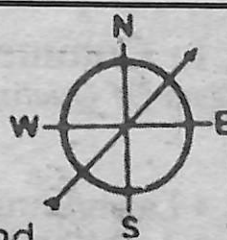
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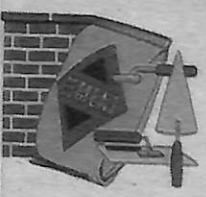
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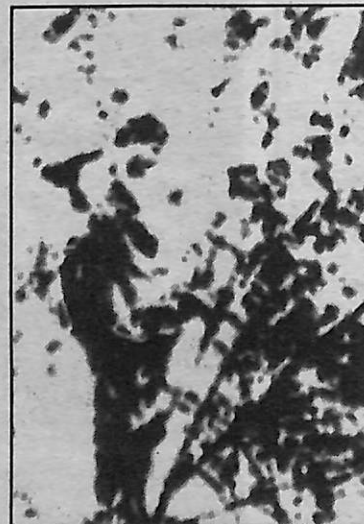
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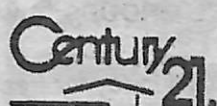
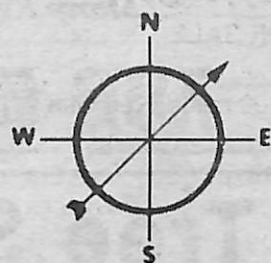
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"Providing the very best in entertainment and sound." Chris Degray and Tom Melbourne. 1-866-30PARTY; www.partywithcelebrations.com.

TREE STUMP GRINDING:

Lowest prices, fastest service. Free estimates. Call Pine Grove Stump Grinding, (413) 783-7236.

COMPUTER SERVICES:

CHIRGWIN COMPUTER - Custom Systems, Repairs, Upgrades, Installations, Networks, Internet, Training, Support. Certified Engineer. Reasonable. 786-0788.

ATTENTION QUICK-BOOKS USERS:

Confused? Need help? Accounting Systems Set-up, Support. Certified

Accountant. Chirgwin Accounting, 786-0788.

LUCIA LUMBER COMPANY:

Residential & commercial building materials specialists. Decks for everybody. Free local delivery. 777 Silver Street, Agawam. Call 413-786-1636.

O'DONNELL LANDSCAPING:

Ground maintenance (all aspects); commercial & residential. 718 North Westfield St., F.H., MA 01030. John O'Donnell, (413) 786-1683.

READY * SET * GROW!

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Nutritious meals/snacks and pre-school program included. Enrollment incentives. Vouchers and grant money available. Lic. #184792. Call Sue at 789-2530.

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Landscape design, construction & maintenance. Fully insured; free estimates. Plus, quality bark mulch - free delivery for Agawam residents (4 yd. minimum). Call 821-9498.

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Total inspections - home and building. Know before you buy; know before you list. Certified to all national standards. MA, (413) 567-8873; CT, (860) 668-4117.

BOB'S AUTO PARTS & SERVICE:

Specializing in Volkswagen parts and repairs. MasterCard, VISA, & Discover accepted. 622 Union St., West Springfield, 736-3278.

MASONRY REPAIR:

35 years' experience. Brick, block & chimney; new & repair. Call Ron for estimate, 786-9478 or 786-3962.

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Basement, garage, attic, whole house clean-outs. Demolition of sheds and small structures. We haul away most anything. For free estimate, call 786-

7084 or mobile phone, 531-3979.

PERSONAL COMPUTER SOLUTIONS:

In-home service. Repairs, sales, training, troubleshooting system, set-up, custom systems, upgrades. Contact Ken Athas, (413) 531-4744 (business), (413) 786-3319 (home).

PERSONAL & SMALL BUSINESS COMPUTER REPAIRS:

Installation of software; upgrading; networking; emergency service. Fast, reliable, experienced - reasonable rates. Pickup and delivery. Call Bob, 821-9956 (leave message).

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With experienced instructors. 1/2 hour piano lesson, \$8; 1/2 hour flute lessons, \$10. Call (413) 786-5496.

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FOR SALE: '98 Ford Escort (like new). Only 2,300 miles. Red with AC and many options.

Asking \$7,500. Call Ed McAnaney at (860) 668-2000.

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One owner. 81,000 miles. Clean. \$1,800.

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FOR RENT

FARMHOUSE: 4 room apartment/1 bedroom on 12-1/2 acres. Non-smoker preferred. Credit check required. No pets. Call Carl at 567-5326.

PERSONALS

THANK YOU, ST. JUDE:

For prayers answered. Publication promised. E.L.G.

THANK YOU, ST. JUDE:

For prayers answered and publication promised. J.B.S.

TAG SALE

SALE OF HOUSE CONTENTS: Saturday, Sept.

1st, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 43 Perry Lane, Agawam (top of Elm St.). Furniture, antiques, old tools, collectibles.

WANTED

WANTED: Fishing tackle. Old or recent. New or used. Fresh/salt water. Rods, reels, lures, books, etc. Cash. Call Dave at (413) 789-1505 after 3:30 p.m.

HELP WANTED

MAINTENANCE/JANITORIAL: Full-time position in Feeding Hills apt. complex. Exp. in the following helpful; carpentry, plumbing, electrical, as well as custodial duties. Rotating, on-call emergency coverage. Call 789-1131 between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. EOE.

OFFICE POSITION: Full-time. Housing complex in Feeding Hills looking for person with basic computer skills to perform various rental activities. Will train. Call 789-1131 between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. EOE.

Children's Swim Classes!



**SIGN UP
IS SEPTEMBER 4
& SEPTEMBER 5!**

Sign your child up early for the most popular swim class instruction around!

Ages 6 months and up will benefit from fun and educational classes! We offer both Swim & Gym classes as well as just swimming instruction. Many classes and times to choose from. Rates vary.

Limit of 12 students per session and each session fills up fast!

Sign up dates:

Fitness First Members: Tuesday, September 4, 2001

9am-12pm

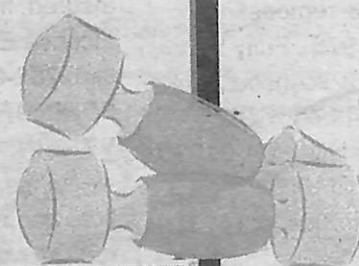
Non-members: Wednesday, September 5, 2001

9am-12pm



60 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030
413.786.1460
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Weight Training Certification Program



Only \$85 for students!

This Junior High & High School athlete-specific program will target the key areas of weight training to increase sports performance. Lead by Fitness First's Personal Trainer, Brian Boyer.

Sessions:

Mondays & Wednesdays, 9/24/01—10/31/01

2:45-4 pm

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4:00-5:15 pm

Ages 11-17

\$65 for member students

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Limit of 12 students per session.

Sessions fill up fast!

Call today to register!

Sign up deadline is September 20, 2001

- Be trained in proper progressions of cardio & resistance training
- Increase Speed
- Increase Power
- Increase Performance
- Gain Knowledge & Self Confidence
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- Learn Human Anatomy & Muscle Groups
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It's Here... Back To School

Agawam School Committee & Agawam School Department



Mayor Cohen, Administration, Faculty, and students keeping an eye on the Agawam High School Library Renovation Project. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



Town Of Agawam

36 Main Street Agawam, Massachusetts 01001-1837

Tel. 413-786-0400 Fax 413-786-9927

Dear Students,

It is again my pleasure to welcome you to a new school year and to wish everyone great success.

Your Community, School Committee, City Council and I have made a strong financial commitment to your education by increasing the school budget by 4.34% over last year's budget. An additional \$124,957.00 will also be expended with school choice dollars for textbooks and library books and \$125,000.00 in capitol improvement funds for technology.

The High School Library Renovation project is continuing and its anticipated completion is in November, 2001. I am very proud of the renovation and I must thank all individuals involved in this positive effort. The library improvements will provide you with the materials and technology for a more extensive educational experience.

Our schools offer many wonderful activities, programs and events. PLEASE take advantage of all the wonderful educational and extra-curricular opportunities available to you. I want to see you at these events!

As a former teacher and administrator at STCC, I know how vital education is for your future. As your Mayor, I am deeply committed to providing you with that quality education.

Good luck and best wishes for a very productive and exciting school year.

Very truly yours,

Richard A. Cohen
Mayor/Chairperson of the Agawam School Committee

Agawam School Committee Members

Agawam High School

760 Cooper Street
Agawam, MA 01001
821-0530

Agawam Junior High School

1305 Springfield Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
821-0542

Agawam Middle School

68 Main Street
Agawam, MA 01001
789-1400



**Mayor Richard A. Cohen,
Chairman**

36 Main Street
Agawam, MA 01001
786-0400, Ext. 200

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65 Oxford Street
Agawam, MA 01001
821-0571

Clifford M. Granger School

31 South Westfield Street
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
821-0580

Benjamin J. Phelps School

689 Main Street
Agawam, MA 01001
821-0586

Robinson Park School

65 Begley Street
Agawam, MA 01001
821-0582



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915 River Road
Agawam, MA 01001
786-2323



**Mrs. Susan A. Pettazzoni,
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116 Granger Drive
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
786-9699



Mrs. Susan R. Dawson

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789-3400



Mrs. Linda M. Galarneau

24 Sycamore Terrace
Agawam, MA 01001
789-0245



Mrs. Teresa M. Kozloski

102 Meadow Street
Agawam, MA 01001
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Ms. Rosemary Sandlin

90 Granger Drive
Feeding Hills, MA 01030
786-3256

Agawam Public Schools

1305 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030 / 821-0551



Frank A. Ameruso, Ph.D.
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Deputy Superintendent
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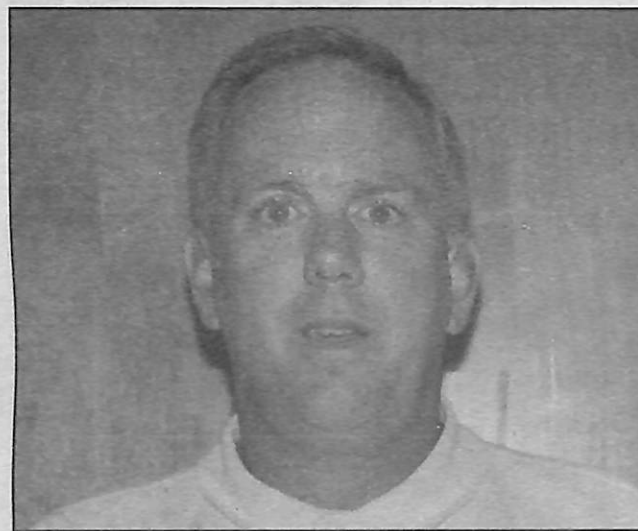
Mary A. Czajkowski, Ed.D.
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Renee O. Jury
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Louis E. Conte
Director of Athletics
821-0529



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Secretary to the Superintendent
of Schools / 821-0552



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Supervisor of Food Services
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Principal, Agawam High School
821-0521



Kathleen E. McSweeney
Deputy Principal, Agawam High School
821-0522



Bernadette J. Conte
Dean of Students, Agawam High School
821-0523



Tamara Watson
Agawam Schools' Music Director
821-0530

Agawam Public Schools

1305 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030 / 821-0551



Alan Cohen
AHS Guidance Counselor
821-0527



Judith Cohen
AHS Guidance Counselor
821-0527



Ann Marie Gould
AHS Guidance Counselor
821-0527



Francis Meagher
AHS Guidance Counselor
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Jane Williams
AHS Guidance Counselor
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Principal, Agawam Junior High School
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Vice-Principal, Agawam Jr. High School
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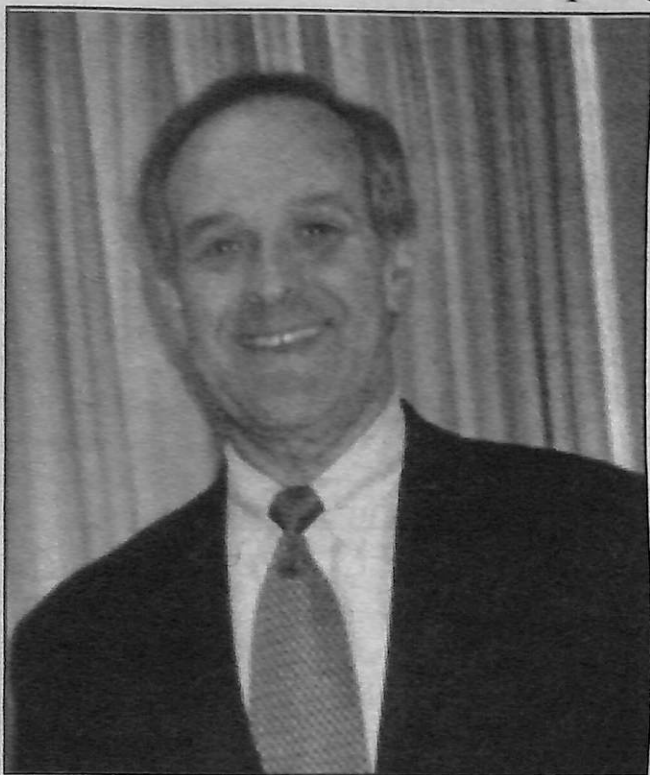
Jeanne Trinque
Junior High Guidance Counselor
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Dennis Moran
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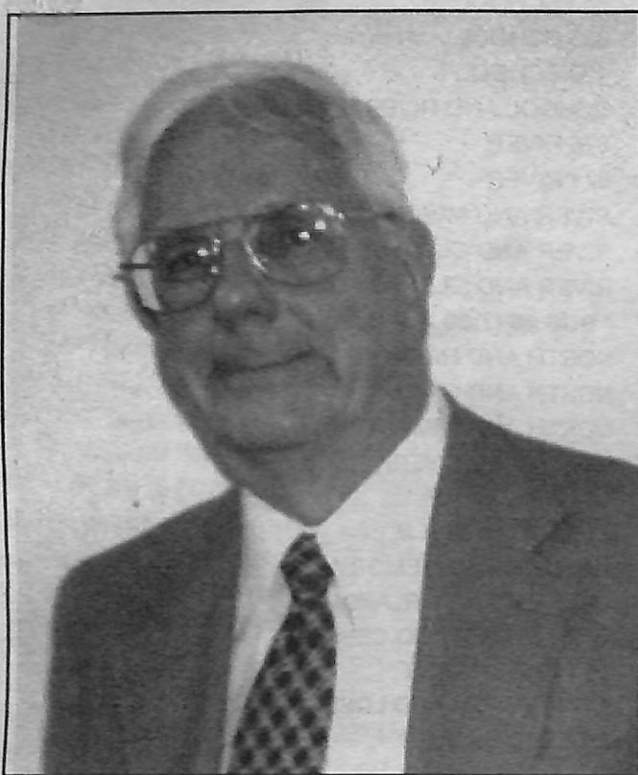
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Ralph A. Zavarella

Principal, Agawam Middle School
789-1400, Ext. 448



Thomas Dacey

Middle School Guidance Counselor
789-1400



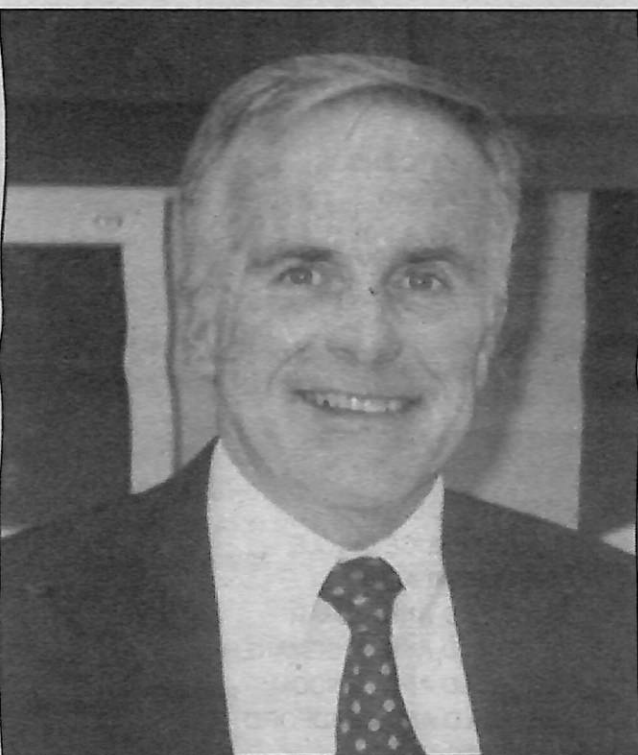
Sandra M. Howard

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821-0571



Phyllis A. Lewis

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William P. Sapelli

Principal, Robinson Park School
821-0582



Ann Zavarella

Secretary to the Deputy
Superintendent
821-0551



Carolyn Landry

Payroll
821-0549



Kathleen Baker

Clerical Support
821-0555



Helen Marganti

Accounts Payable &
Transportation
821-0554

Bus schedules for the 2001-2002 school year

No route adjustments will occur during the **FIRST TWO WEEKS** of school unless the school department determines an emergency exists.

The times listed for the buses are the times the routes **begin**.

Late runs four days at each school (Middle, Jr. High, and Sr. High) are scheduled to begin in mid-September. Days at each school and the routes will be published in each school building.

In order to help you, the school department has requested that all bus inquiries must be directed to the transportation department of the Central Office. The telephone number is **821-0554**.

Agawam Senior High

* BUS #1 (6:50 A.M.):

612 NORTH ST.
NORTH AND RIDGEWAY
N. WESTFIELD AND THALIA
520 N. WESTFIELD
ORIOLE AND ROBIN RIDGE
N. WESTFIELD AND FOX FARMS
N. WESTFIELD AND CLOVER HILL
N. WESTFIELD AND LISWELL

* BUS #2 (6:50 A.M.):

NORTHWOOD AND SPFLD ST.
NORTHWOOD AND GRANGER
NORTHWOOD AND FORDHAM
FORDHAM AND CAMBRIDGE
N. WESTFIELD AND ANVIL
64 N. WESTFIELD

* BUS #3 (6:45 A.M.):

71 N. WEST ST.
N. WEST AND KAREN LYNN
363 N. WEST
N. WEST AND N. STREET EXT.
548 N. WEST
N. WEST AND CYNTHIA
735 N. WEST
805 N. WEST
926 N. WEST
N. WEST AND N. WESTFIELD
N. WESTFIELD AND MARLENE
N. WESTFIELD AND PARKEDGE
791 N. WESTFIELD
N. WESTFIELD AND NORTH ST.

* BUS #4 (6:50 A.M.):

SPFLD. AND ROWLEY (A.M. ONLY)
590 SUFFIELD
SUFFIELD AND EDGEWATER
DOLORIS AND SUFFIELD
SUFFIELD AND CENTERWOOD
SUFFIELD AND POINSETTA
SUFFIELD AND VALENTINE
SUFFIELD AND CENTER

* BUS #5 (6:50):

SILVER AND DOANE
SILVER AND VADNAIS
SILVER AND MOUNTAINVIEW
SILVER AND CASTLE HILL
SILVER AND PEMBROKE
ADAMS AND PINEVIEW
ADAMS AND ROSIE
ADAMS AND ZACHARY
ADAMS AND SUFFIELD
MILL AND SILVER LAKE
MILL AND FAMILY LN.

* BUS #6 (6:45 A.M.):

358 SOUTHWICK
468 SOUTHWICK
411 SOUTHWICK
CARMEL AND S. WEST
SOUTHWICK AND TINA
SOUTHWICK AND SUNSET

* BUS #7 (6:50 A.M.):

MAIN AND REED
MAIN AND COOPER
MAIN AND PARKER
SCHOOL AND MAIN
SCHOOL AND MONROE

SCHOOL AND HEARTHSTONE

353 SCHOOL
385 SCHOOL
490 SCHOOL
SCHOOL AND RIVER RD
875 RIVER
921 RIVER
RIVER AND MEADOWBROOK
RIVER AND CLIFTON
RIVER AND GLENDALE
* BUS #8 (7:00 A.M.):
NORTH AND HARDING
NORTH AND OAK
NORTH AND JAMES
NORTH AND CHERRY
149 COLEMORE

* BUS #9 (6:40 A.M.):

GARDEN AND MEMORIAL
GARDEN AND ORLANDO
SHOEMAKER AND CESAN
563 SHOEMAKER
SHOEMAKER AND LOSITO
267 SHOEMAKER
221 SHOEMAKER
119 SHOEMAKER
39 SHOEMAKER
SOUTH AND DEER RUN
SOUTH AND QUAIL HOLLOW
SOUTH AND COSGROVE
SOUTH AND S. BROOK
197 SOUTH
72 SOUTH
1485 SUFFIELD (CONDOS)

* BUS #10 (6:45 A.M.):

MAIN AND EDWARD
S. WEST AND SHELLY
S. WEST AND WILD BILL
250 S. WEST
S. WEST AND RED FOX
S. WEST AND WHITE FOX
S. WEST AND KATHY TERR.
S. WEST AND JOANNE CIR.
S. WEST AND DENISE
PINE AND SPRUCE CIRCLE

* BUS #12 (6:40 A.M.):

S. WESTFIELD AND HAMAR
S. WESTFIELD AND SHOEMAKER
S. WESTFIELD AND HENDOM
S. WESTFIELD AND BRADFORD
BARRY AND OAKMONT
BARRY AND CHRISTOPHER
BARRY AND MURIEL
SPEAR FARM AND BARRY

* BUS #13 (6:50 A.M.):

MAIN AND FEDERAL
FEDERAL AND COOPER
420 MAIN ST.
28 MEADOW
324 MEADOW
418 MEADOW
MEADOW AND FRANK
RIVER AND BARNEY
COREY AND N. ALHAMBRA
COREY AND JANELLE
COREY AND ALEXANDER

202 COREY

79 COREY

* BUS #14 (7:00 A.M.):

SPRINGFIELD & KRISTEN
WALNUT (SKI HOUSE)
WALNUT AND DWIGHT
MAPLE AND WALNUT
MAPLE AND BRIDGE
MAPLE AND MULBERRY
MAPLE AND SPENCER/OAK
ROWLEY AND ROYAL
ROWLEY AND SPRINGFIELD

* BUS #15 (6:45 A.M.):

LEONARD AND MAIN
LEONARD AND KATHERINE
LEONARD AND DEBRA

LEONARD AND DANNY
RIVER AND CHANNELL
RIVER AND FLORIDA
RIVER AND CHESTNUT
RIVER AND LAWNWOOD
RIVER AND SHADY LANE
RIVER AND DEERING
RIVER AND RIVERIA
1369 MAIN
1278 MAIN
MAIN AND CHARLES
MAIN AND BAILEY
MAIN AND ELM
103 ELM

Agawam Junior High

* BUS #1 (7:25 A.M.):

505 NORTH STREET
612 NORTH STREET
NORTH AND RIDGEWAY
NORTH AND PLEASANT
NORTH ST. EXT. AND BELMONT
NORTH ST. EXT. AND JUNIPER RIDGE
NORTH ST. EXT. AND KOSCIUSCKO
NORTH ST. EXT. AND STONEY HILL

358 N. WEST

220 N. WEST

170 N. WEST

N. WEST AND KAREN LYNN

76 N. WEST

17 N. WEST

* BUS #2 (7:20 A.M.):

548 N. WEST
735 N. WEST
788 N. WEST
926 N. WEST
1125 N. WESTFIELD
1101 N. WESTFIELD
N. WESTFIELD AND MARLENE
N. WESTFIELD AND PARKEDGE
819 N. WESTFIELD STREET
765 N. WESTFIELD
N. WESTFIELD AND PROVIN MTN. DR.
694 N. WESTFIELD
N. WESTFIELD AND ALLISON
ROBIN RIDGE AND PARKVIEW
PARKVIEW AND N. WESTFIELD
536 N. WESTFIELD
VALLEYBROOK AND FOREST HILL
CLOVER HILL AND VALLEYBROOK

* BUS #3 (7:30 A.M.):

SUFFIELD AND EDGEWATER
ADAMS AND ROSIE
ADAMS AND PINEVIEW
ADAMS AND MAIN
MAIN AND MELROSE
MAIN AND CHARLES
1087 MAIN STREET
1327 MAIN STREET
24 SOUTH

SOUTH AND SOUTHBROOK

SOUTH AND COSGROVE

SOUTH AND QUAILHOLLOW

SHOEMAKER AND LOSITO

619 SHOEMAKER

SHOEMAKER AND CESAN

SHOEMAKER AND POPULAR

* BUS #4 (7:30 A.M.):

SPRINGFIELD AND MOORELAND
SPRINGFIELD AND SHERI LN./WILSON
HARDING AND NORTH
NORTH AND OAK
NORTH JAMES
NORTH AND LETENDRE
NORTH AND HOMER
NORTH AND CHERRY
NORTH AND COLEMORE
195 COLEMORE

BUS SCHEDULES - from Page 6*** BUS #5 (7:25 A.M.):**

SUFFIELD AND WASHINGTON
 REED AND VERNON
 420 MAIN
 105 MEADOW
 MEADOW AND WILDFLOWER
 324 MEADOW
 MEADOW AND JAMES
 MEADOW AND FRANK
 RIVER AND BARNEY
 45 S. ALHAMBRA
 COREY AND N. ALHAMBRA
 310 COREY STREET
 COREY AND JANELLE
 COREY AND ALEXANDER
 COREY AND COREY COLONIAL
 EDWARD AND MAIN

*** BUS #6 (7:20 A.M.):**

ADAMS AND ZACHARY
 FERNWOOD AND ARBOR
 FERNWOOD AND HUNTING
 FERNWOOD AND CENTERWOOD
 SILVER AND PORTER
 SILVER AND VADNAIS
 SILVER AND GARDEN ST.
 GARDEN AND ORLANDO
 POPLAR AND RISING

*** BUS #8 (7:25 A.M.):**

457 SOUTHWICK ST.
 662 SOUTHWICK ST.
 675 SOUTHWICK ST.
 S. WEST AND SHELLY
 S. WEST AND KOSAK
 202 S. WEST
 291 S. WEST
 319 S. WEST
 S. WEST AND RED FOX
 S. WEST AND WHITE FOX
 467 PINE ST.
 422 PINE ST.
 360 PINE ST.
 PINE AND SPRUCE
 162 PINE

*** BUS #10 (7:25 A.M.):**

SPRINGFIELD AND KRISTEN
 SPRINGFIELD AND ROWLEY
 WALNUT AND SPRINGFIELD
 WALNUT AND MAPLE
 MAPLE AND BRIDGE
 MAPLE AND MOORE
 MAPLE AND SPENCER
 SPRINGFIELD AND SHIBLEY CT.

*** BUS #12 (7:20 A.M.):**

SCHOOL AND MAIN
 SCHOOL AND HEARTHSTONE
 279 SCHOOL ST.
 343 SCHOOL ST.
 401 SCHOOL
 480 SCHOOL ST.
 875 RIVER
 RIVER AND MEADOWBROOK
 RIVER AND CLIFTON
 RIVER AND GLENDALE
 LEONARD AND DANNY
 LEONARD AND PEROS
 LEONARD AND KATHERINE
 LEONARD AND MAIN
 SILVER AND PEMBROKE
 SILVER AND CASTLE HILL CONDOS

*** BUS #14 (7:25 A.M.):**

COOPER AND KAREN
 COOPER AND TRACY
 COOPER AND BRIEN
 COOPER AND SENATOR 1ST
 COOPER AND SENATOR 2ND
 COOPER AND FEDERAL ST. EXT.
 COOPER AND FEDERAL AVE.
 MAIN AND PARKER
 MILL AND CLEMATIS
 SUFFIELD AND ANTHONY
 352 SUFFIELD
 COOPER AND GREENACRE

LINE AND MILL

LINE AND JAMIE

*** BUS #15 (7:15 A.M.):**

MILL AND FAMILY LANE
 MILL AND SILVER LAKE
 ELM AND SILVER
 159 ELM ST.
 MAIN AND EMERSON
 RIVER AND CHANNELL
 RIVER AND FLORIDA
 RIVER AND CHESTNUT
 RIVER AND SHADY LN.
 RIVER AND DEERING
 RIVER AND RIVERIA
 MAIN AND WOODCLIFF
 MAIN AND KANAWHA
 SUFFIELD AND LONGBROOK EST.
 1311 SUFFIELD
 SUFFIELD AND DOLORES

*** BUS #16 (7:20 A.M.):**

S. WEST AND JOANNE
 BARRY AND SHARON
 S. WEST AND DENISE
 587 BARRY
 373 BARRY
 BARRY AND MURIEL
 BARRY AND CHRISTOPHER LN.
 BARRY AND CRICKET
 166 BARRY
 873 S. WESTFIELD
 943 S. WESTFIELD
 S. WESTFIELD AND BRADFORD

Agawam Middle School*** BUS #3 (8:00 A.M.):**

NORTH ST. EXT. AND BELMONT
 989 NORTH ST. EXT.
 NORTH ST. EXT. AND JUNIPER RIDGE
 NORTH ST. EXT. AND KOSCUISKO
 NORTH ST. EXT. AND STONY HILL
 327 NORTH WEST
 337 NORTH WEST
 NORTH WEST AND KAREN LYNN
 17 NORTH WEST
 SOUTHWICK AND TINA LN.
 SOUTHWICK & HOPE FARMS/SUNSET
 SPRINGFIELD AND BELVIDERE
 MILL AND NORRIS
 758 MILL
 739 MILL
 705 MILL
 695 MILL
 603 MILL
 MILL AND FRANKLIN

*** BUS #5 (8:00 A.M.):**

SPRINGFIELD AND RHODES
 SPRINGFIELD AND KENSINGTON
 SPRINGFIELD AND FRANKLIN
 SPRINGFIELD AND MOORELAND
 SPRINGFIELD AND LETENDRE
 SPRINGFIELD AND SHIBLEY CRT.
 SPRINGFIELD AND KRISTEN
 LINE AND SEQUOIA
 LINE AND JAMIE

*** BUS #6 (7:55 A.M.):**

S. WESTFIELD AND HAMAR
 ELMAR AND BEECH
 1 PINE
 PINE AND SPRUCE
 162 PINE
 230 PINE
 422 PINE
 432 PINE
 BARRY AND CRICKET/OAK RIDGE
 BARRY AND CHRISTOPHER
 BARRY AND SPEAR FARM RD.
 BARRY AND MURIEL
 443 BARRY
 BARRY AND DUTCHMASTER
 1060 SHOEMAKER
 995 SHOEMAKER
 SHOEMAKER AND CESAN
 915 SHOEMAKER

525 SHOEMAKER
SHOEMAKER AND LOSITO

267 SHOEMAKER

49 SHOEMAKER

*** BUS #7 (7:55 A.M.):**

374 POPLAR
 POPLAR AND RISING
 64 N. WESTFIELD
 236 N. WESTFIELD
 N. WESTFIELD AND LISWELL
 315 N. WESTFIELD
 NORTH AND TOM
 NORTH AND WILBERT
 NORTH AND NOLAN
 NORTH AND SYLVAN
 612 NORTH
 COLEMORE AND CHERRY
 CHERRY AND NORTH
 NORTH AND HOMER
 NORTH AND JAMES
 NORTH AND OAK
 NORTH AND HARDING
 NORTH AND MAYNARD
 49 NORTH ST.

*** BUS #9 (7:45 A.M.):**

MAIN AND LEALAND
 SCHOOL AND MAIN
 SCHOOL AND MONROE
 100 AND 184 SCHOOL (2 STOPS)
 SCHOOL & HEARTHSTONE
 SCHOOL AND PLANTATION
 343 AND 500 SCHOOL (2 STOPS)
 875 AND 921 RIVER (2 STOPS)
 RIVER AND MEADOWBROOK
 RIVER AND CLIFTON
 RIVER AND GLENDALE
 MAIN AND CENTRAL
 87 PERRY LANE
 SUFFIELD AND POINTSETTA
 SUFFIELD AND VALENTINE
 SUFFIELD AND ANTHONY
 SUFFIELD AND CENTER
 352 SUFFIELD

*** BUS #10 (8:00 A.M.):**

389 SOUTHWICK ST.
 N. WESTFIELD AND BLACKSMITH
 N. WESTFIELD & KELLOGG
 N. WESTFIELD AND ANVIL
 YALE AND CAMBRIDGE
 FORDHAM AND NORTHWOOD
 NORTHWOOD AND GRANGER
 NORTHWOOD AND SPRINGFIELD
 GARDEN AND ORLANDO
 SILVER AND DOANE
 777 SILVER
 SILVER AND FRANKLIN ST. EXT.
 SILVER AND MOUNTAINVIEW
 304 SILVER ST.
 SILVER AND BELDON
 SILVER AND CASTLE HILL CONDOS
 SILVER AND PEMBROKE
 SILVER AND ELM
 ELM AND BIRCH HILL
 181/159 ELM
 126 ELM ST.
 89 ELM ST.

*** BUS #11 (8:00 A.M.):**

SOUTH ST. AND DEER RUN
 SOUTH AND COSGROVE
 SOUTH AND SOUTHBROOK
 24 SOUTH
 1307 MAIN
 MAIN AND FOREST RIDGE
 MAIN AND MELROSE
 ADAM AND RIDGE AVE.
 ADAMS AND PINEVIEW
 ADAMS AND BUTTERNUT
 ADAMS AND RICHARDSON
 ADAMS AND ZACHERY
 SUFFIELD AND DOLORIS
 SUFFIELD AND CENTERWOOD
 808 SUFFIELD ST.
 743 SUFFIELD

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SUFFIELD AND EDGEWATER
MILL AND SILVERLAKE
MILL AND FAMILY LANE
COOPER AND LANCASTER
COOPER AND TRACY
COUNTRY AND BARN
*** BUS #12 (7:55 A.M.):**
548 N. WEST
624 N. WEST
682 N. WEST
736 N. WEST
788 N. WEST
N. WEST AND PETERSON
N. WESTFIELD AND MARLENE
1023 N. WESTFIELD
N. WESTFIELD AND PARKEDGE
726 N. WESTFIELD
N. WESTFIELD AND PROVIN MT.
N. WESTFIELD AND RIDGEVIEW
604 N. WESTFIELD
578 N. WESTFIELD
ROBIN RIDGE AND PARKVIEW
99 STRAWBERRY
STRAWBERRY AND VALLEYBROOK
VALLEY BROOK AND FOREST HILL
FOREST HILL AND STRAWBERRY
FOREST HILL AND CLOVER HILL
CLOVER HILL AND VALLEY BROOK
N. WESTFIELD AND NEW YORK AVE.
315 N. WESTFIELD
*** BUS #13 (7:50 A.M.):**
SOUTH WEST AND SHELLEY
SOUTH WEST AND PHEASANT HILL
SOUTH WEST AND KOSAK CIR.
202 SOUTH WEST
319 SOUTH WEST
SOUTH WEST AND RED FOX
SOUTH WEST AND WHITE FOX
SOUTH WEST AND KATHY
630 SOUTH WEST
106 BARBARA LANE
BARBARA AND BARRY
BARRY AND SHARON
SOUTH WEST AND DENISE
126 BARRY
940 S. WESTFIELD
S. WESTFIELD AND BRADFORD
*** BUS #14 (8:00 A.M.):**
COOPER AND MAIN ST.
420 MAIN ST.
105 MEADOW
MEADOW AND MEADOW AVE.
MEADOW AND WILDFLOWER
359 MEADOW
MEADOW AND HERITAGE APTS.
MEADOW AND FRANK
RIVER AND STERLING/BARNEY
45 S. ALHAMBRA
S. ALHAMBRA AND COREY
COREY AND JANELLE
COREY AND ALEXANDER
202 COREY
79 COREY
EDWARD AND MAIN
*** BUS #15 (8:00 A.M.):**
MAIN AND WRIGHT
MAIN AND LEONARD
LEONARD AND KATHERINE
LEONARD AND ROBERTA
LEONARD AND DANNY
RIVER AND CHANNELL
RIVER AND FLORIDA
RIVER AND CHESTNUT
RIVER AND LAWNWOOD
RIVER AND DARTMOUTH
RIVER AND DEERING
RIVER AND RIVERIA
1510 MAIN ST.
MAIN AND WOODCLIFF
SUFFIELD AND LONGBROOK EST.
FERNWOOD AND HUNTING
FERNWOOD AND CENTERWOOD

Clark School
Kindergarten Drop-Off

9:10 - 11:45

(Drop-off to begin at approx. 11:50)

SUFFIELD AND LONGBROOK EST.
943 SUFFIELD STREET
SILVER AND BELDON
SILVER AND DOANE
805 SILVER
SHOEMAKER AND CESAN
GARDEN AND ORLANDO
10 PHIL STREET
MILL AND WILLIAM
MILL AND NORRIS
MILL AND KENSINGTON
MILL AND GIFFIN
MILL AND FRANKLIN
LINE AND JAMIE
13 LINE STREET
MILL AND SILVER LAKE

Clark School
Kindergarten Pick-Up

12:45 - 3:20

(Pick-up to begin at approx. 12:15)

MAIN AND KANAWHA
RIVER AND RIVERA
220 RIVER
491 RIVER
RIVER AND CHANNELL
RIVER AND CAMPBELL
RIVER AND SOUTH FLORIDA
RIVER AND LAWNWOOD
134 RIVER ROAD
1158 MAIN STREET
MAIN AND ALFRED STREET
MAIN AND TRINITY
1039 MAIN STREET
200 ADAMS
BUTTERNUT AND ARBOR
BUTTERNUT AND HUNTING
25 FERNWOOD
ADAMS AND RICHARDSON
ADAMS AND ZACHARY
414 SOUTH STREET

Clark School

*** BUS #2 (8:45 A.M.):**

49 MEMORIAL
10 PHIL (A.M. ONLY)
GARDEN AND ORLANDO
374 POPLAR
POPLAR AND RISING
SHOEMAKER AND CESAN
955 SHOEMAKER
915 SHOEMAKER
619 SHOEMAKER
SHOEMAKER AND LOSITO
361 SHOEMAKER

*** BUS #5 (8:45 A.M.):**

MILL AND LINCOLN
MILL AND FRANKLIN
MILL AND GIFFIN
MILL AND KENSINGTON
MILL AND NORRIS
MILL AND WILLIAM
739 MILL
695 MILL
659 MILL
529 MILL
698 MILL
SUFFIELD AND EDGEWATER
37 HOLLAND DR.
CENTERWOOD AND SUFFIELD
733 SUFFIELD ST.
FERNWOOD AND CONIFER
CONIFER AND BUTTERNUT
BUTTERNUT AND HUNTING
BUTTERNUT AND ARBOR
ADAMS AND FAYMORE
1329 SUFFIELD

*** BUS #6 (8:30 A.M.):**

1068 MAIN
1158 MAIN
1336 MAIN
1327 MAIN
MAIN & BARDEN
MAIN & TRINITY
MAIN & ALFRED
MAIN AND FOREST RIDGE
1039 MAIN
200 ADAMS ST. (P.M. ONLY)
ADAMS AND RIDGE
ADAMS AND PINEVIEW
ADAMS AND ROSIE
ADAMS AND MALLARD
ADAMS AND RICHARDSON
ADAMS AND ZACHARY
*** BUS #8 (8:45 A.M.):**
1291 SUFFIELD ST.
SUFFIELD AND DOLORES
SILVER AND BELDON
339 SILVER
SILVER AND PORTER
393/394 SILVER
SILVER AND MOUNTAINVIEW
SILVER AND FRANKLIN ST. EXT.
SILVER AND DOANE
SILVER AND LUCIA LUMBER
805 SILVER ST. (A.M. ONLY)
845 SILVER
SOUTH AND SOUTHBROOK
175 SOUTH ST.
MAIN AND KANOHA
MAIN AND WOODCLIFF
24 SOUTH ST.
*** BUS #11 (8:35 A.M.):**
RIVER AND RIVERIA
RIVER AND DARTMOUTH
134 RIVER
164 RIVER
220 RIVER
36 DANNY
507 RIVER
491 RIVER
RIVER AND CHANNELL
RIVER AND CAMPBELL
RIVER AND FLORIDA
RIVER AND CHESTNUT
RIVER AND LAWNWOOD
*** BUS #13 (8:35 A.M.):**
63 POPLAR
POPULAR AND HENRY
KID'S PLACE (A.M./P.M.)
SPRINGFIELD AND HIGHLAND
SPRINGFIELD AND FRANKLIN
SPRINGFIELD AND MOORELAND
LINE AND SPRINGFIELD
LINE AND SEQUOIA
LINE AND JAMIE
240 LINE
MILL AND FAMILY LANE
MILL AND SILVER LAKE
124 MILL ST.
111 MILL ST.
SUFFIELD & LONGBROOK EST.

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Kindergarten Drop-Off

8:35 - 11:00

(Drop-off to begin at approx. 11:05)

HENDOM AND BEECH
HENDOM AND HENDOM MEADOWS
INDEPENDENCE AND TWOIFBY
APOLONIA AND ELMAR
PINE AND SPRUCE
384 PINE
BARRY AND OAKMONT
BARRY AND CHRISTOPHER
BARRY AND DUTCHMASTER
BARRY AND MURIEL
SOUTHWEST AND DENISE
779 SOUTHWEST STREET
668 BARRY STREET
SOUTHWEST AND KATHY
SOUTHWEST AND WHITE FOX RD.
291 SOUTHWICK STREET
SOUTHWEST AND WILD BILL
SOUTHWEST AND PHEASANT HILL
SOUTHWICK AND TINA LANE
TINA AND NICOLE
CHARTER OAK AND MICHAEL

Granger School
Kindergarten Pick-Up

12:10 - 2:45

(Pick-up to begin at approx. 11:35)

901 SPFLD ST. (KID'S PLACE)
SPFLD. AND AMHERST AVE.
SPFLD. AND FRANKLIN ST.
RALPH AND SPRINGFIELD ST.
RALPH AND CHERRY
COLEMORE AND HORSHAM
COLEMORE AND WITHERIDGE
COLEMORE AND AGNOLI
970 SPRINGFIELD ST.
MORNINGSIDE AND BROOKSIDE DR.
COLUMBIA AND NORTHWOOD
NORTH WESTFIELD AND LISWELL
TOM AND NORTH ST.
NORTH ST. EXT. AND JUNIPER RIDGE
NORTHWEST AND KAREN LYNN
170 NORTHWEST ST.
156 NORTHWEST ST.
56 NORTHWEST ST.
SOUTHWICK AND HOPE FARMS

Granger School

* BUS #1 (8:00 A.M.):

17 N. WEST
156 N. WEST (A.M. ONLY)
170 N. WEST
N. WEST AND KAREN LYNN
186 N. WEST
214 N. WEST
337 N. WEST
358 N. WEST
NORTH ST. EXT. AND JUNIPER RIDGE
NORTH AND TOM
187 COLEMORE
COLEMORE AND JESSICA
COLEMORE AND HORSHAM
COLEMORE AND WITHERIDGE
COLEMORE AND HASTING
COLEMORE AND GREENOCK
970 SPRINGFIELD ST.
* BUS #2 (7:55 A.M.):
385 S. WESTFIELD
430 S. WESTFIELD
850 S. WESTFIELD (P.M. ONLY)
S. WESTFIELD AND BRADFORD
126 BARRY
BARRY AND OAKMONT
195 BARRY
228 BARRY ST.
248 BARRY
BARRY AND OAKRIDGE/CRICKET
BARRY AND CHRISTOPHER

BARRY AND DUTCHMASTER
BARRY AND SPEAR FARM
BARRY AND MURIEL
508 BARRY ST.
563 BARRY ST.
668 BARRY ST.
788 S. WEST
796/799 S. WEST (BOTH SIDES)
819 S. WEST
779 S. WEST
759 S. WEST
1023 SHOEMAKER
1028 SHOEMAKER
1076 SHOEMAKER (P.M. ONLY)

* BUS #4 (8:05 A.M.):

150 SOUTHWICK (P.M. ONLY)
260 SOUTHWICK
282 SOUTHWICK
304 SOUTHWICK
576 SOUTHWICK
675 SOUTHWICK
50 S. WEST
S.WEST AND PHEASANT HILL
S. WEST AND WILD BILL
202 S. WEST
232 S. WEST
284 S. WEST
291 S. WEST
482 S. WEST
604 S. WEST
S. WEST AND KATHY TERR.
JOANNE AND BARBARA
BARBARA AND BARRY
727 BARRY
BARRY AND SHARON
S.WEST AND DENISE

* BUS #8 (7:55 A.M.):

PINE AND SPRUCE
384 PINE
414 PINE
460 PINE
467 PINE
779 SOUTHWICK
S. WEST AND WHITE FOX
S. WEST AND RED FOX
291 S. WEST
67 S. WEST
43 S. WEST
282 SOUTHWICK
901 SPRINGFIELD ST. (KID'S PLACE)
SPRINGFIELD AND AMHERST
SPRINGFIELD AND FRANKLIN

* BUS #16 (7:55 A.M.):

HENDOM (TOP OF HILL #13)
HENDOM AND TAMARACK
PAUL REVERE AND ELMAR
PAUL REVERE & INDEPENDENCE
APOLONIA AND ELMAR

Phelps School
Kindergarten Drop-Off

9:10 - 11:45

(Drop-off to begin at approx. 11:50)

31 FEDERAL STREET
COOPER AND FEDERAL ST. EXT.
COOPER AND FAIRVIEW
FEDERAL AVE. AND HARVEY JOHNSON
57 MEADOW ST.
374 MEADOW
MEADOW AND FRANK
MEADOW AND EDITHA
59 ALHAMBRA
465 COREY
COREY AND JANELLE
COREY AND ALEXANDER
COREY AND COREY COLONIAL
EDWARD AND WYMAN
29 ALBERT STREET
SCHOOL AND HEARTHSTONE
238 SCHOOL
SCHOOL AND PLANTATION
SCHOOL AND BEVERLY
RIVER AND SIMPSON

LEONARD AND GREENWOOD
LEONARD AND ROBERTA
LEONARD AND PEROS
LEONARD AND KATHERINE
52 WRIGHT STREET
MAIN AND ELBERT
32 ELM STREET

Phelps School
Kindergarten Pick-Up

12:45 - 3:20

(Pick-up to begin at approx. 12:25)

126 ELM
ELM AND BIRCH HILL
SILVER AND CASTLE HILL
567 SUFFIELD
40 VALENTINE
361 SUFFIELD
21 WILLOWBROOK
COOPER AND KAREN/YARMOUTH
LANCASTER AND YORKSHIRE
195 SUFFIELD
21 VIRGINIA
REED AND VIRGINIA
MAIN AND LEALAND

Phelps School

* BUS #1 (8:40 A.M.):

176 ROWLEY ST.
BARN AND COUNTRY
30 GREENACRE
462 COOPER ST.
COOPER AND BRIEN
COOPER AND LANCASTER
COOPER AND YARMOUTH/KAREN
WILLOWBROOK AND WRENWOOD
COOPER AND TRACY
COOPER AND CARDINAL
COOPER AND SENATOR 1ST
COOPER AND BELL
COOPER AND SENATOR 2ND
COOPER AND FEDERAL ST. EXT.
COOPER AND FAIRVIEW
COOPER AND FEDERAL AVE.

* BUS #10 (8:40 A.M.):

COREY AND COREY COLONIAL
196 COREY
COREY AND ALEXANDER
COREY AND JANELLE
310 COREY
475 COREY
COREY AND N. ALHAMBRA
59 S. ALHAMBRA
RIVER AND SEYMOUR
RIVER AND SIMPSON
MEADOWBROOK AND SIMPSON
MEADOWBROOK AND WESTERN
WESTERN AND CLIFTON
401 SCHOOL ST.
343 SCHOOL ST.
SCHOOL AND BEVERLY
SCHOOL AND PLANTATION
238 SCHOOL
SCHOOL AND HEARTHSTONE
178 SCHOOL ST.
149 SCHOOL ST.

* BUS #14 (8:35 A.M.):

14 REED
REED AND VERNON
REED AND POTOMAC
VIRGINIA AND SUFFIELD
195 SUFFIELD
352 SUFFIELD
SUFFIELD AND MANSION WOODS
636 SUFFIELD
SILVER AND CASTLE HILL CONDOS
109 SIVER
18 PERRY LANE
SUFFIELD AND POINTSETTA

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20 ANTHONY (1ST DRIVEWAY)
 ANTHONY AND SAMUEL
 CLEMATIS AND VALENTINE
 CLEMATIS AND ALTHEA
 SUFFIELD AND CENTER
*** BUS #15 (8:35 A.M.):**
 31 FEDERAL ST.
 FEDERAL AND PRINCE
 420 MAIN ST.
 57 MEADOW
 105 MEADOW
 194 MEADOW
 MEADOW AND WILDFLOWER
 359 MEADOW
 374 MEADOW (A.M. ONLY)
 418 MEADOW (HERITAGE VILLAGE)
 MEADOW AND FRANK
 MEADOW AND EDITHA
 RIVER AND BARNEY
 RIVER AND STERLING
 RIVER AND RIVERSIDE AVE.
*** BUS #16 (8:25 A.M.):**
 SILVER AND PEMBROKE
 SILVER AND ELM
 ELM AND BIRCH HILL
 159 ELM ST.
 126 ELM ST.
 48/51 MERRELL
 CLIFTON AND WESTERN
 RIVER AND GLENDALE
 RIVER AND WARREN
 LEONARD AND DANNY
 507 RIVER ROAD
 LEONARD AND GREENWOOD
 LEONARD AND ROBERTA
 LEONARD AND DEBRA
 LEONARD AND KATHERINE

Robinson Park School**Kindergarten Drop-Off**

9:10 - 11:45

(Drop-off to begin at approx. 11:48)

NORTH AND MAYNARD

214 NORTH STREET
 31 SYLVAN LANE
 AUDUBON AND WILBERT
 NORTH AND PLEASANT DR.
 NORTH ST. EXT. AND STONEY HILL
 15 ROBIN RIDGE
 65 THALIA
 164 CLOVER HILL

Robinson Park School**Kindergarten Pick-Up**

12:45 - 3:20

(Pick-up to begin at approx. 12:30)

NORTH AND CLEVELAND
 17 HALL STREET
 SPRINGFIELD AND SANDCASTLE DAY CARE
 SPRINGFIELD AND SHERI LANE
 SPRINGFIELD AND ROYAL LANE
 357 SPRINGFIELD STREET
 329 SPRINGFIELD STREET
 BRIDGE AND HIGH STREET
 154 WALNUT STREET
 WALNUT AND WINTHROP

Robinson Park School*** BUS #3 (8:30 A.M.):**

989 NORTH ST. EXT.
 1045 NORTH ST. EXT.
 NORTH ST. EXT. AND KOSCIUSKO
 1165 NORTH ST. EXT.
 NORTH ST. EXT. AND STONY HILL
 482 N. WEST
 KATY LANE
 674 N. WEST
 692 N. WEST
 776 N. WEST
 N. WEST AND PETERSON (2ND)

*** BUS #4 (8:40 A.M.):**

377 NORTH
 NORTH AND LETENDRE
 NORTH AND JAMES
 NORTH AND OAK/ARNOLD
 NORTH AND CLEVELAND
 NORTH AND MCKINLEY

NORTH AND TAFT
 NORTH AND WILSON
 NORTH AND HARDING
 NORTH AND MAYNARD
 NORTH AND GRANT
*** BUS #7 (8:30 A.M.):**
 ROBIN RIDGE AND ORIOLE
 48 ROBIN RIDGE
 ROBIN RIDGE AND PLEASANT VALLEY
 PLEASANT VALLEY AND BEECH HILL
 15 HIGH MEADOW
 39 HIGH MEADOW
 ROBIN RIDGE AND BEECH HILL
 95 ROBIN RIDGE
 154 PARKVIEW
 95 PARKVIEW
 40 THALIA
 19 BRIAR HILL
 FOX FARM AND STRAWBERRY HILL
 STRAWBERRY HILL AND FIELDSTONE
 VALLEY BROOK AND FOREST HILL
 FOREST HILL AND CLOVER HILL
 CLOVER HILL AND VALLEY BROOK
*** BUS #9 (8:35 A.M.):**
 726 N. WESTFIELD
 N. WESTFIELD AND MARLENE
 1023 N. WESTFIELD
 1003 N. WESTFIELD
 N. WESTFIELD AND PARKEDGE
 781 N. WESTFIELD
 733 N. WESTFIELD
 N. WESTFIELD AND PROVIN MT.
 840 NORTH
 NORTH & PLEASANT
*** BUS #12 (8:35 A.M.):**
 SPRINGFIELD AND CLEVELAND
 SPRINGFIELD AND SHIBLEY CT.
 SPRINGFIELD AND LETENDRE
 HOMER AND GALE
 NORTH AND NOLAN
 WILBERT AND AUDUBON
 SYLVAN AND ACORN
 443 NORTH ST.
 505 NORTH ST.
 SPRINGFIELD & LINE (SANDCASTLE)

Reminders for Agawam High students

Guidance counselors enrolled and helped new students with registration on August 28th, 29th, and 30th. If you have any questions on new enrollments, call the guidance office at 821-0527.

Regarding changes in their schedules, students will be called to the guidance office by class during the first week of school for student schedule changes.

During the first week of school, teachers will be giving students class expectation handouts.

Students will be instructed to take the handouts home to be read and signed by both the student and parent/guardian. Each signed expectation sheet will then be returned to the appropriate teacher.

If a parent/guardian would like a copy of the class expectations, let the teacher know on the class expectation handout that is to be returned.

All students are encouraged to purchase locks. They may be purchased at the front office of the high school. Only school-issued locks may be placed on school/gym lockers.

Remember that it is the student's responsibility to protect personal and school items to the best of his/her ability. The administration will not be held responsible for material stolen from a locker.

Also, sharing of lockers is prohibited. When this occurs, problems of theft result.

Just in case it slipped your mind, the high school starts promptly at 7:25 a.m.

It is imperative that you leave home early since excessive tardiness to school will result in disciplinary action.

The plan for safer drop-off of students at Agawam High School before school each day will go into effect on Wednesday, September 5th.

This plan involves a one-way traffic flow, beginning with a left-hand turn immediately at a sign posted at the entrance to the parking lot; a drive to the back of the lot; and a right-hand turn to the center, where students will be dropped off at a crosswalk that leads to the front door.

The car will then exit at the appropriate area at the back of the lot (near the tennis courts onto Mill Street). Our Community Resource Officers will direct this procedure.

CHANGE OF STUDENT SCHEDULE DISTRIBUTION FOR AHS

There is a change for Student Schedule Distribution at AHS for Wednesday, September 5, 2001.

Sophomores, juniors, and seniors are to check their names on the alphabetical lists posted by each entry door. These lists will show the first-period class of sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Those students are to report to their first-period class to receive their schedule. Freshmen are still to report to the auditorium.

Those sophomores, juniors, and seniors whose names do not appear on the posted lists, report to the cafeteria.

Main Telephone Numbers For The Agawam Schools

Business Office	821-0551
Clark School	021-0571
Granger School	821-0580
Junior High School	821-0542
Junior High School Guidance	821-0566
Middle School	789-1440
Phelps School	821-0586
Robinson Park School	821-0582
Senior High School	821-0530
Senior High School Guidance	821-0527
Special Services	821-0557



The AAN's "Back-To-School" edition is an annual tradition...



**SUPERINTENDENT
FRANK A. AMERUOSO**

Message from the Superintendent

The 2001-2002 school year is ready to commence on Wednesday, September 5th. It will be a year full of promise, productivity, and transition. It is an election year, which could potentially affect the membership of the school committee. It is the last year of my full-time service to public education after 40 years. My successor has already been chosen, and superintendent-elect, Dr. Mary Czajkowski, and I will be working very closely to achieve a smooth transition in the change of administration.

In a way, it will be the year of the Alpha and Omega. These are two Greek letters: Alpha represents the first letter of the Greek alphabet, and Omega represents the last letter of the alphabet. For many years, the Alpha and Omega signify the "beginning" and "end." It will be the Alpha for Dr. Czajkowski, and it will be my Omega.

I am thrilled that such a competent professional, who has worked with me for the past five years, will succeed me. She has a vision for the future of Agawam Public Schools, which will take the advancements we have made over the past five years well into the future. It is the dream for both of us to have Agawam Public Schools recognized as a "premiere" school system, and we are well on our way to achieving that distinction.

My last year will hopefully be productive as we continue to achieve our mutual goals and objectives. I published my new goals and objectives for 2001-2002 in the April edition of *The Agawam Advertiser News*, and I will update our progress in this area sometime in February 2002. Among the more important features of my goals is to provide the school committee with a comprehensive, long-range study of the school building needs that we can anticipate for the next five to 10 years, and what options the district will have to fulfill those needs. This feasibility study will include, but not be limited to, live birth data, population growth, enrollment histories, and projections (five to 10 years). Summary findings will be presented along with options that will be available for grade reorganization and projected population, Pre-K through 12. This study will be designed to give the School Committee the mechanism necessary to make informed decisions about the future direction of our programs and the building needs to satisfy those programs. I feel that it is necessary to do this before my retirement, so that a void in the decision-making process can be avoided.

Another important area of consideration for this coming school year is to provide the appropriate leadership and support necessary to continue the implementation of the district-wide School Improvement Plan. The new school building improvement plans will be approved by the school committee at the August 28, 2001 meeting (presstime). The district-wide plan is tied into all these plans and basically drives the goals and objectives set by principals and their school

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**ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT
MARY A. CZAJKOWSKI**

Superintendent-Elect thanks the community for its support

Dear Parents, Students, Colleagues & Townspeople:

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who sent letters, signed petitions, and made telephone calls to the School Committee in support of my candidacy for Superintendent of Schools.

Your confidence in my ability to lead our school district beginning September 2002 is a sacred trust that I will strive to honor with hard work, diligence, enthusiasm, and passion.

I am extremely fortunate to have been given the opportunity to advance my professional career with the Agawam Public Schools. As its next Superintendent of Schools, I pledge to put the needs of students first and to develop a system-wide plan that ensures every child will be given the chance to reach his/her potential.

The 2001-2002 school year will be one of transition. Again, I am fortunate in that I can draw upon the knowledge of Dr. Ameruoso, who has 40 years of educational experience to his credit. Together, we will continue the initiatives of his administration and, at the same time, begin new endeavors that will challenge both students and staff.

The Agawam Public Schools have a history of academic excellence. However, we as a school system cannot rest on our laurels.

Rather, now is the time to reach higher, try harder, and insist that the education received by students placed in our care is the finest it can possibly be. As your next Superintendent of Schools, I vow to dedicate myself to these principles.

Thank you for your overwhelming support. I am proud and honored to serve the citizens of Agawam.

**Yours in education,
Mary A. Czajkowski, Ed.D.**



**AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
LINDA J. PRYSTUPA**

Principal's letter to Agawam High's Class of 2002

Dear Seniors,

I know that as you are reading this, you are thinking, "Can I really be entering my Senior Year already? Where did the time go?" This year is the culmination of all your many years of basic education. You probably remember how scared you were your first day in kindergarten. Now, you are getting ready to embark on a journey into the adult world. This year will be one of your most memorable. It will also be a year to make some rather important decisions regarding your future. Your parents, counselors, teachers, and administrators will help you navigate through the myriad obstacles.

I must also warn you not to be complacent. There have been some in the past who became overconfident and assumed they could put in very little effort their senior year. They were sadly dismayed in June when they did not walk with their class. I would hate for this to happen to any of you after all the hard work and time you put in these past years. Also, remember that if a senior is not going to graduate with his/her class, he/she will not be allowed to participate in senior graduation week events.

The tradition has always been for the seniors to be the leaders of a school. The younger students look up to you and you set the tone and spirit. You can lead by your mature attitude and behavior. The faculty and staff look forward to working with you to make this your best year.

Believe in yourself, but work as hard as you can to do your best. Remember, "Self-esteem equals success over pretensions" (William James). Have an enjoyable and productive year.

**Sincerely,
Linda J. Prystupa, Ed.D.
Principal**



**The Agawam
Public
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welcome
everyone to
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committees along with the Superintendent and the school committee.

A major effort will be made to increase the achievement levels on the MCAS tests. Moreover, those tenth graders who did not meet the required score for graduation will be given multiple opportunities to remedy their deficiencies so that they will be able to retake the test in December 2001 and meet the required score.

A continuing ongoing goal is to open more educational opportunities to all students and guarantee the delivery of the framework-based curriculum. Hand in hand with this goal is the goal to develop more effective schools through the enhancement and support of site-based management at the building level and team management in the central office.

As we mature in Ed Reform, site-based management must be allowed to evolve. School councils need to continue to participate in the growth of their schools, and principals must be given the opportunity to develop the character of each of their schools.

Lastly, it is my intention to continue developing partnerships with community agencies. We have already initiated a partnership with the Agawam Chamber of Commerce, and we hope to build on that. I will be developing a brochure that will profile our school district and can be used by real estate agencies and the Chamber of Commerce to persuade prospective home owners/renters to move into Agawam and take advantage of a quality school district.

It is with mixed emotion that I pen this message. Agawam has given me a wonderful opportunity to lead its schools into the 21st century. I could not think of a more satisfying way to end my career than having served these six years in this wonderful City (Town).

I want to thank the school community for all the support and cooperation you have shown me. On my part, I pledge to make this last year the best year of my tenure and do everything in my power to continue to move our schools forward in our mission. That mission is stated as follows:

It is the mission of Agawam Public Schools to improve student learning and performance so that all students are prepared for the challenges of a technological and multicultural society.

Yours in education,
Frank A. Ameruso, Ph.D.
Superintendent

Community reception on September 13th for Dr. Prystupa

Agawam High School is planning to hold an informal reception for all parents and members of the Agawam/Feeding Hills community who would like to meet the new AHS principal, Dr. Linda J. Prystupa.

This event has been scheduled for Thursday, September 13th, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. (just prior to our first School Council meeting of the year). All are welcome!

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JOSEPH LECUYER

A message from the Food Service Director Joseph Lecuyer

Hello! I am the new food service director for the Agawam public schools, and I have been at the helm since January 1, 2001. I am proud of the work that my managers and staff do. My staff and I introduced numerous changes to the lunch program last year, and we plan on introducing more changes this coming year.

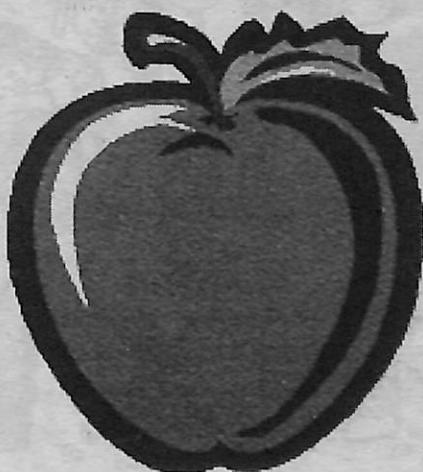
Our department sells approximately **2,400** lunches per day. The lunch count has increased by **120** lunches per day since I've come on board. As the food service director, it's my responsibility to run the program as an independent business since we are self-sufficient and receive state assistance when we qualify. It's also my responsibility to keep lunch prices as low as possible for the students. You may have noticed that due to the increase in the cost of labor, food, and supplies, Agawam (as well as surrounding areas) was forced to raise the price of lunches.

The price of lunch will be **\$1.50 for elementary and Middle School students**, and **\$1.75 for Junior High and Senior High students**. On the elementary level, lunch tickets for the whole week are sold on Monday in the classroom. If a student is absent, he/she may purchase tickets in the cafeteria on Tuesday. If a parent/guardian wishes to pay by check, please make check payable to **Agawam School Lunch**.

Due to the tremendous number of IOUs last year, I have no choice but to eliminate this convenience. If your child forgets their lunch money, they will receive a sandwich and a carton of milk. If a student habitually forgets their lunch money, the principal and parent/guardian will be notified.

The Agawam school lunch program is committed to planning, preparing, and serving nutritious and exciting meals that meet the guidelines set by the **Department of Education - Nutrition Programs Service**. We offer a number of alternate choices for the students and look forward to serving your child. Please take advantage of this wonderful program.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at my office at 821-0559.



"Back to school" news from Agawam High School

Submitted by Dr. Linda J. Prystupa, Principal

THE SPIRIT OF EDUCATION: It is important for the entire community to understand that there is a definite purpose and a wide range of expectations that embody the heart and soul of the high school. The entire staff is committed to the fulfillment of the following:

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL: Agawam High School, in partnership with the community, promotes the intellectual, social, emotional, and physical development of its students to prepare them for a productive and fulfilling life. A wide variety of quality instructional programs as well as a safe, secure learning environment based on respect and responsibility will be offered. Students will be encouraged to develop high academic, personal, and social standards in order to acquire and apply the knowledge, skills, and values necessary to become self-reliant citizens in an ever-changing world.

EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENT PERFORMANCE

ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS: Agawam High School students will:

1. Read critically for a variety of purposes.
2. Write clearly and in a focused manner in order to express ideas accurately.
3. Speak clearly and in a focused manner in order to express ideas accurately.
4. Develop world language skills and achieve success at different levels of instruction.
5. Understand mathematical skills and apply them to human concerns and life experiences in an ever-changing global community.
6. Understand scientific and technological skills and apply them to human concerns and life experiences in an ever-changing global community.
7. Understand the concepts of good health for self and society.
8. Define a variety of art forms.
9. Become aware of the changing employment market by demonstrating skills and knowledge in career preparation.

SOCIAL EXPECTATIONS: Agawam High School students will:

1. Respect peers, teachers, staff, and school property and use appropriate methods to resolve conflicts and disagreements.
2. Recognize and be accountable for following the rules and regulations governing the school and be aware of the availability for support services.
3. Be encouraged to become involved citizens in school, local, and global activities.

EXPECTATIONS FOR SCHOOL PERFORMANCE: Agawam High School will:

1. Provide a constantly updated diverse curriculum, which includes opportunities for cross-curriculum learning supported by technology.
2. Provide academic, social, and career support services.
3. Promote positive public relations within the school and between the school and the community.
4. Acknowledge student and staff achievement.
5. Update and maintain equipment and learning materials.
6. Provide up-to-date library materials and a media center equipped with state-of-the-art technology.
7. Provide a safe, secure, and healthy environment.
8. Provide a schedule that allows sufficient time and sufficient place for school activities.
9. Provide sufficient faculty to implement student goals and expectations.
10. Provide teacher professional development to meet the changing needs of the school and its students.
11. Enforce discipline fairly and consistently.
12. Involve students in school governance.

STAFFING: Many new and capable educators have

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been added to the professional staff at Agawam High School. Three and one half-time science teachers, three math teachers, one and one 5/7 physical education teachers have been added for the 2001-2002 school year.

The quality of those hired is very good. The addition of these talented people is going to result in many positive achievements for the high school.

SCHOOL CLIMATE: Any individual found smoking in school buildings and/or on school grounds will be subjected to a fine. The purpose of this policy is designed to improve the health and safety of students and others.

Substance abuse is a problem that all high schools have to contend with. Unfortunately many students in Agawam High School have had difficulties with substance abuse.

The high school offers counseling as well as promotes educational awareness. The high school administration severely disciplines substance abuse by students. Almost all of the longer-term suspensions (10 days) are substance abuse related.

It is important for parents to be aware of the activities of their child or children. The greatest defense against substance abuse by a child is the parent.

All parents are encouraged to unite with the administration to combat this life-destroying problem.

Theft is an ongoing problem at the high school. The security cameras that monitor the main parking lot have helped reduce incidents of theft in the parking lot. Sharing of lockers is prohibited. When this occurs, problems of theft result. The administration will not be held responsible for materials stolen from student lockers. Therefore, the administration vigorously encourages students to buy additional locks from the AHS front office to be placed on as many lockers as possible as an extra precaution. (Only locks purchased at the AHS front office are allowed on school lockers.)

PARKING LOT: Contrary to the belief of some, there are not enough parking spaces to accommodate everyone. Only those **seniors and cooperative education students who are passing all of their courses, in each marking period, can exercise the parking lot privilege.** One-hundred and seventeen members of the Class of 2002 are presently academically ineligible to use the parking lot at the start of the school year based on his/her performance at the end of the previous school year.

It is important for everyone to realize that the parking lot policy has a greater goal in mind than dealing with insufficient spaces. The administration simply wants all students to pass his/her courses to maintain the appropriate path toward graduation. It is not unreasonable for the administration to encourage this as all benefit from this.

The parking lot is, at times, a nightmare in the morning as far too many students are being transported by parents to school at, what seems, exactly the same time. It is imperative that parents and students develop better strategies with regard to this. Some useful strategies to use are taking the bus, or getting to school earlier.

The plan for safer drop-off of students at AHS before school each day will go into effect on Wednesday, September 5, 2001. This plan involves a one-way traffic flow beginning with a left-hand turn immediately at a sign posted at the entrance to the front parking lot, a drive to the back of the lot, and a right-hand turn to the center where students will be dropped off at a crosswalk that leads to the front door. The car will then exit at the appropriate area at the back of the lot near the tennis courts onto Mill Street. Our Community Resource Officers will direct this procedure.

PARENTAL NOTIFICATION: Parental notification of student progress and/or discipline occurs in many ways:

1. Report cards are issued in November, February, April, and the end of June.
2. Warning notices are issued in October, December, March, and May.
3. The Deputy Principal and Dean of Students officially notify parents about suspensions through the mail and/or telephone calls in certain situations.
4. Weekly progress reports can be requested by a parent through the guidance department.
5. Parents Night in November is established for

teacher/parent discussion of student progress.

Informally, teachers are encouraged by the administration to contact parents with both positive and negative information.

Parents are encouraged to feel free to contact their child's or children's guidance counselor for information on academic progress and attendance. It is the job of the guidance staff to assist parents in this area.

It is important for parents to understand that research indicates that 25 percent of a child's success in school is school based, and that 75 percent of a child's success in school is due to parental factors.

ATHLETICS AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Agawam High School offers its students myriad programs to help an individual to discover and develop his/her unique talents fully. If a student wants to have fun, make friends, become a leader, and grow to be a more complete person, then that student should take advantage of the wide range of activities that are available. However, it is important to understand that academic success comes first.

DISCIPLINE SYSTEM: The Agawam High School discipline system is based on many factors. It is reflective of the combined effort of the administration, faculty, student government, school council, and others. It is also reflective of national and state reform movements that emphasize the importance of safe schools. The fundamental purposes of the discipline system is to insist that student behavior being based on respect and responsibility.

DISCIPLINE POLICIES - ZERO TOLERANCE:

A. Any student who is found on school premises or at school-sponsored or school-related events, including athletic games, in possession of a dangerous weapon, including but not limited to a gun or knife, or laser pointer, will be suspended and may be subject to expulsion from the school or school district by the principal.

B. Any student who is found on school premises or at school-sponsored events, including athletic games:

1. under the influence of or in possession of a controlled substance as defined in General Laws, Chapter 94C, including but not limited to marijuana, cocaine and heroin, or

2. engaging in the sale, distribution, or exchange of a controlled substance as defined in General Laws, Chapter 94C, including but not limited to marijuana, cocaine, or heroin, or

3. under the influence of, in possession of, or having consumed any alcoholic beverage,

4. engaging in the sale, distribution, or exchange of any alcoholic beverage will be suspended and may be subject to expulsion from the school or school district by the principal.

C. Any student who assaults or threatens a principal, deputy principal, dean of students, teacher, teacher's aide, or other educational staff on school premises or at school-sponsored or school-related events, including athletic games, will be suspended and may be subject to expulsion from the school or school district by the principal.

D. Any student who is involved in arson, the assault and battery of another student, dangerous threats to another student, bomb threats, false fire alarms, or other dangerous behavior on school premises or at school-sponsored or school-related events, including athletic games, will be suspended or may be subject to expulsion from the school or school district by the principal with the approval of the school committee.

E. Any student who is charged with a violation of any of the above shall be notified of an opportunity for a hearing. In cases of expulsion, the student may also have representation and the opportunity to present evidence and witnesses at said hearing before the principal.

F. Police will be notified in all cases.

SCHOOL SAFETY: Any student who makes a verbal or written threat to kill or harm an individual or group of individuals will be subjected to the following:

1. Said student will be disciplined according to the discipline policies outlined in zero tolerance.
2. Those being threatened will be directed to file court complaints.

SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION BASED ON A FELONY (Massachusetts General Laws, Chap. 380, Section 2; Amendment 1 to Section 37H):

1. Upon the issuance of a criminal complaint charging a student with a felony, or upon the issuance of a

felony delinquency complaint against a student, the principal or headmaster of a school in which the student is enrolled may suspend such student for a period of time determined appropriate by said principal or headmaster if said principal or headmaster determines that the student's continued presence in school would have a substantial effect on the general welfare of the school. The student shall receive written notification of the charges and the reason for such suspension prior to such suspension taking effect. The student shall also receive written notification of his/her right to appeal and the process for appealing such suspension; provided, however, that such suspension shall remain in effect prior to any appeal hearing conducted by the superintendent.

The student shall have the right to appeal the suspension to the superintendent. The student shall notify the superintendent in writing of his/her request for an appeal no later than five calendar days following the effective date of the suspension. The superintendent shall hold a hearing with the student and the student's parent or guardian within three calendar days of the student's request for an appeal. At the hearing, the student shall have the right to present oral and written testimony on his/her behalf, and shall have the right to counsel. The superintendent shall have the authority to overturn or alter the decision of the principal or headmaster, including recommending an alternate educational program for the student. The superintendent shall render a decision on the appeal within five calendar days of the hearing. Such decision shall be the final decision of the city, town, or regional school district with regard to the suspension.

2. Upon a student being convicted of a felony or upon an adjudication or admission in court of guilt with respect to such a felony or felony delinquency, the principal or headmaster of a school in which the student is enrolled may expel said student if such principal or headmaster determines that the student's continued presence in school would have a substantial detrimental effect on the general welfare of the school. The student shall receive written notification of the charges and reasons for such expulsion prior to such expulsion taking effect. The student shall also receive written notification of his/her right to appeal and the process for appealing such expulsion; provided, however, that the expulsion shall remain in effect prior to any appeal hearing conducted by the superintendent.

The student shall have the right to appeal the expulsion to the superintendent. The student shall notify the superintendent, in writing, of his/her request for an appeal no later than five calendar days following the effective date of the expulsion. The superintendent shall hold a hearing with the student and the student's parents or guardian within three calendar days of the expulsion. At the hearing, the student shall have the right to counsel. The superintendent shall have the authority to overturn or alter the decision of the principal or headmaster, including recommending an alternate educational program for the student. The superintendent shall render a decision on the appeal within five calendar days of the hearing. Such decision shall be the final decision of the city, town or regional school district with regard to the expulsion.

Upon expulsion of such student, no school or school district shall be required to provide educational services to such student.

SUSPENDABLE BEHAVIORS - INTERNAL SUSPENSION GUIDELINES: Internal suspension may be assigned by an administrator as an alternative to out-of-school suspension. Parents/guardians are notified. Students assigned to internal suspension are isolated from their peers for the duration of their assignment. During internal suspension, students will work on school-related assignments.

1. SMOKING/POSSESSION OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS: Massachusetts State Law Chapter 71, Section 2A prohibits the use of tobacco products in the public schools or on school grounds. **(No minor may possess a tobacco product on school property within the Town of Agawam.)** The Agawam Board of Health, pursuant to the authority granted under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 111, Section 31, adopted the above regulation to protect the public health of the community.)

CONSEQUENCES: 1st violation - Write the violator a ticket for twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) payable to the Town of Agawam within twenty-one (21) calendar days; 2nd and subsequent violations - Write the viola-

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tor a ticket for one-hundred dollars (\$100.00) payable to the Town of Agawam within twenty-one (21) calendar days.

In response to Town Ordinance TOR-99-5 the following classes will be offered. In lieu of the \$25.00 fine: 2 hour Tobacco Education Class. This must be completed within 21 calendar days of the infraction. A certification of compliance will be issued upon completion. In lieu of the \$100.00 fine: 8 hour-4 week Tobacco Cessation Class. This must be completed within 21 calendar days of the infraction. A certification of compliance will be issued upon completion.

2. TRUANCY: Attendance at every session of school is absolutely essential for good scholastic standing. While school is in session, all outside interests should be considered of secondary importance. Appointments with doctors and dentists should not be made during school hours.

If you are truant you will forfeit all normal make-up privileges. Your work will be counted at half value. Parent/guardian notification will be a usual consequence, and persistent truancy can result in a student contract, request for withdrawal from school, or a recommendation for expulsion from school.

CONSEQUENCES: 1st offense - One day internal suspension; 2nd offense - Two days internal suspension; 3rd offense - Three days internal suspension.

3. USE OR POSSESSION OF FIREWORKS, STINK BOMBS, ANIMAL SCENTS, ETC.: CONSEQUENCES: 1st offense - Three days external suspension; 2nd offense - Five days external suspension; 3rd offense - Ten days external suspension and recommendation for expulsion. (Police to be notified in certain cases.)

4. USE OF MATCHES, LIGHTERS, ETC.: CONSEQUENCES: 1st offense - Three days external suspension; 2nd offense - Five days external suspension; 3rd offense - Ten days external suspension and recommendation for expulsion. (Police to be notified in certain cases.)

5. THEFT OF PERSONAL OR SCHOOL PROPERTY: CONSEQUENCES: 1st offense - Three days external suspension; 2nd offense - Five days external suspension; 3rd offense - Ten days external suspension and recommendation for expulsion. Return of stolen property or restitution also required. (Police to be notified in certain cases.)

6. TAMPERING WITH A FIRE EXTINGUISHER: CONSEQUENCES: 1st offense - Three days external suspension; 2nd offense - Four days external suspension; 3rd offense - Five days external suspension.

7. INITIATION OF A FOOD FIGHT: CONSEQUENCES: 1st offense - Three days external suspension; 2nd offense - Ten days external suspension and recommendation for expulsion. Restitution may also be required.

8. PARTICIPATION IN FOOD THROWING: CONSEQUENCES: 1st offense - Two days external suspension; 2nd offense - Three days external suspension; 3rd offense - Four days external suspension. Restitution may also be required.

9. POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA: CONSEQUENCES: 1st offense - Five days external suspension; 2nd offense - Ten days external suspension or expulsion.

10. POSSESSION OF DRUGS: CONSEQUENCES: 1st offense - Ten days external suspension; 2nd offense - Ten days external suspension and recommendation for expulsion.

11. POSSESSION AND/OR DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS: CONSEQUENCES: 1st offense - Ten days external suspension and recommendation for expulsion.

12. UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS/MISUSE OF INHALANTS, GLUE, ETC.: CONSEQUENCES: 1st offense - Five days external suspension; 2nd offense - Ten days external suspension and recommendation for expulsion.

13. VANDALISM: DEFACING OR DAMAGING SCHOOL PROPERTY INCLUDING COMPUTERS AND THEIR RECORD FILES AND SYSTEMS: CONSEQUENCES: 1st offense - Up to three days internal suspension; 2nd offense - Three to five days internal suspension; 3rd offense - Five to ten days external suspension. Restitution will be required in all cases.

14. PROFANITY OR VULGARITY DIRECTED AT

SCHOOL STAFF: CONSEQUENCES: 1st offense - Written apology and two days internal suspension; 2nd offense - Written apology and four days internal suspension; 3rd offense - Three to five days external suspension.

15. GAMBLING: CONSEQUENCES: 1st offense - One day internal suspension; 2nd offense - Two days internal suspension; 3rd offense - Three days internal suspension. (Police may be notified in certain circumstances.)

16. USE OF RACIAL, RELIGIOUS, ETHNIC SLURS OR SYMBOLS THAT DEMEAN OTHERS: CONSEQUENCES: 1st offense - Written apology and two days internal suspension; 2nd offense - Written apology and three days internal suspension; 3rd offense - Written apology and four days internal suspension.

17. HARASSMENT SUCH AS REPEATED NAME CALLING/BULLYING: CONSEQUENCES: 1st offense - Written apology and one day internal suspension; 2nd offense - Written apology and two days internal suspension; 3rd offense - Written apology and three days internal suspension.

18. UNEXCUSED ABSENCE FROM OR TARDINESS TO AN INTERNAL SUSPENSION ASSIGNMENT: CONSEQUENCES: 1st offense - One additional day of internal suspension; 2nd offense - Two additional days of internal suspension; 3rd offense - Three additional days of internal suspension.

19. DEFIANCE OF THE AUTHORITY OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS AND TEACHERS: CONSEQUENCES: 1st offense - Three days internal suspension; 2nd offense - Five days internal suspension; 3rd offense - Five days external suspension.

20. REFUSAL TO IDENTIFY ONESELF TO A STAFF MEMBER: CONSEQUENCES: 1st offense - One day internal suspension; 2nd offense - Two days internal suspension; 3rd offense - Three days internal suspension.

21. FAILURE TO SIGN IN UPON ARRIVAL TO SCHOOL: CONSEQUENCES: 1st offense - One day internal suspension; 2nd offense - Two days internal suspension; 3rd offense - Three days internal suspension.

22. FORGERY/MISUSE OF A PASS: CONSEQUENCES: 1st offense - One day internal suspension; 2nd offense - Two days internal suspension; 3rd offense - Three days internal suspension.

23. NEGLIGENT USE OF LASER POINTERS: CONSEQUENCES: 1st offense - Five days external suspension; 2nd and subsequent offenses - Ten days external suspension.

24. OUT OF BOUNDS/LEAVING SCHOOL GROUNDS: The following areas are considered out of bounds during the school day: Beyond the sidewalks of the circle in front of the school; Behind the dock; Agawam Public Library grounds; Wooded areas surrounding the school; The maintenance area; Outside the new addition; The athletic fields; Any off campus sites during the school day; Physical education locker rooms during class time (without permission); Parking lot (If you must go to the parking lot for any reason during the day, you must have a pass from the office. Loitering in this area will result in disciplinary action.); Any other area that the administration deems inappropriate.

CONSEQUENCES: 1st offense - One day internal suspension; 2nd offense - Three days internal suspension; 3rd offense - Five days internal suspension. If a car is involved, the car privilege will be denied for nine weeks.

Once a student arrives on school grounds, he/she is expected to remain on school grounds. If he/she vacates the school grounds or building without the permission of an administrator, he/she will be suspended appropriately.

25. INAPPROPRIATE DRESS AND/OR GROOMING: CONSEQUENCES: 1st offense - One detention; 2nd offense - One day internal suspension; 3rd offense - One day external suspension.

26. PHYSICAL CONFRONTATION WITH ANOTHER STUDENT: CONSEQUENCES: Disciplinary action to be determined by the administration based on the severity of the incident.

27. SEXUAL HARASSMENT: CONSEQUENCES: 1st offense - Three days external suspension; 2nd offense - Five days external suspension; 3rd offense - Ten days external suspension. (Police to be notified in certain cases.)

THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION RESERVES THE AUTHORITY TO SUSPEND FOR OTHER BEHAVIORAL CIRCUMSTANCES NOT LISTED.

NATURE OF OFFENSE AND REPEATED OFFENSES: The above outlined levels of discipline for specified offenses are provided as minimum guidelines to insure that every student is aware of the potential consequences of actions which violate the discipline policies of the Agawam Public Schools. In determining the level of discipline in each case, the principal shall review the nature and the facts and circumstances surrounding the alleged offense and the student's prior disciplinary record. After completing said review, the principal may in his/her sole discretion impose the minimum level of discipline provided for in these discipline policies, or he/she may impose greater discipline, including but not limited to, more detentions, a longer suspension, the imposition of a discipline contract and/or expulsion from the school or school district.

SUSPENSION EFFECTS: A conference with the student, a parent or guardian, and an administrator may be arranged after the student has been externally suspended. It may occur during the period of the suspension or when the student returns to school from the suspension. If the period of the student's suspension exceeds three school days, the administration will arrange for assignments to be sent home to the student. Students are responsible for making up all work missed during the suspension period within a week of their return to school.

During the period of suspension, a student may not take part in any extra-curricular activities or school functions, nor be in the building or on the grounds during the school day. Parents/guardians will be notified of their child's internal or external suspension by mail and, in certain circumstances, by telephone.

STUDENT MOTOR VEHICLE REGULATIONS: The following regulations are designed to promote safety and order in the high school driveways and parking lots. Failure to comply with these regulations and conditions may result in the revocation of driving privileges on school property.

1. The maximum speed limit on all school property is 15 m.p.h. Students must drive on school property using caution and consideration for vehicles and pedestrians. Reckless or careless driving will be reported to the police department and Registry of Motor Vehicles.

2. Student cars must be parked in single spaces. Cars parked in illegal areas will be subject to towing on the first offense. Towing is at the student's expense.

3. During school hours, students are not to park in the area of the shops and music rooms or the Agawam Library.

4. Students are not to park on Old Mill Road (both sides from Mill Street southerly to the end of the street) or on Holland Drive (both sides from Mill Street southerly and westerly to Old Mill Road) on Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. from September 1st through the end of June, or the school year.

5. Bringing a motor vehicle to and from school is a privilege.

6. Only seniors and cooperative education students who are passing all of their courses, in each marking period, may park motor vehicles on school grounds.

7. Juniors and seniors who get suspended will have his/her parking privileges removed.

8. Students granted permission must display the proper sticker at all times.

9. All students must park their vehicles in the student area of the parking lot at all times.

10. Once a car has been parked in the lot by a student, there shall be no loitering in the car by students.

11. Once a car is parked, the driver or any other pupil shall not be allowed to enter the car until the driver is ready to leave for home.

12. Students who do not obey the regulations regarding motor vehicles at school will have the privilege to drive to school revoked.

13. If a student uses his/her vehicle to transport onto the school grounds any form of alcoholic beverages or drugs, such action will result in the loss of parking privileges for the school year, suspension or expulsion, and subjection to prosecution by law.

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enforcement authorities.

VIOLATION OF STUDENT MOTOR VEHICLE REGULATIONS: CONSEQUENCES: 1st offense - Denial of the motor vehicle privilege for **nine weeks**; 2nd offense - Denial of the motor vehicle privilege for **an additional nine weeks**; 3rd offense - Denial of the motor vehicle privilege for the **remainder of the year**. If a student who has been denied the motor vehicle privilege persists in attempting to bring his/her motor vehicle to school or the public library, the motor vehicle will be subject to **towing at the expense of the student**.

DETENTION: Violation of general school policies will result in the assignment to office detention, held Monday through Thursday from 1:50 to 2:40 P.M. The student is expected to bring enough work to keep busy for the entire detention period.

The teacher in charge of detention may withhold credit if the time is not properly used. The student will not be admitted into detention after the bell. If the student needs to be excused from attending detention on a particular afternoon, the student must get permission from an administrator **before** the detention is to be served.

Examples of infractions that could result in from one to five detentions are as follows:

Classroom misbehavior; Cafeteria misbehavior; Taking food from the cafeteria; Skipping a scheduled period; Inappropriate display of affection; Disobedience; Littering; Lack of corridor pass; Card playing; Excessive tardiness; Failure to report to teacher detention; Misuse of equipment or materials; Snowball throwing; Parking lot violation; Swearing; Loud behavior; Overdue library books; Possession of lighter; Interference with the enforcement of school rules; Possession of matches.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY: Instances of academic dishonesty such as copying homework, cheating on papers and exams, or plagiarism will result in student's receiving a zero grade on that school project.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES: Possession and use of electronic devices such as beepers, cell phones, and CD headphones, will be subject to confiscation and disciplinary action as deemed by administration. The administration strongly discourages students from bringing these items to school since they are of no educational value.

TEACHER DETENTION: A teacher may request a student to stay after school to discuss a behavior problem or to have a student do academic work. As long as the student has been given a **24-hour** notice to report, the student **must** attend the after-school conference. Failure to attend this conference will result in a referral to either the deputy principal or dean of students who will take disciplinary action.

If a student has been asked to stay for a particular teacher on a given day when the student also has office detention, the student is expected to report to that teacher, stay the assigned time, and bring a note from that teacher to either the deputy principal or dean of students before the student leaves the school building. This procedure allows the student to report to office detention the following day without penalty. **SCHOOL OBLIGATIONS COME FIRST, EVEN BEFORE YOUR JOB. IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM, SEE THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL OR THE DEAN OF STUDENTS.**

CUTTING CLASS: The definition of a cut is the missing of class time without permission or without a legitimate excuse acceptable to the teacher. Detention will be assigned and work that is missed can be made up only at half value. Additional cutting will result in an increase in the number of detentions and/or suspension.

STUDENTS ON CONTRACT - DUE PROCESS: A student with chronic discipline problems may be placed on contract by the deputy principal, dean of students and the principal. The ramifications of the contract will be explained to the student in the company of his/her parent or guardian. The student will be provided with a copy of the signed contract. Any student alleged to have violated his/her contract may be scheduled for a hearing with the principal. The deputy principal, dean of students, counselor and parent/guardian may also attend. The student has the right to bring evidence and witnesses.

The student may appeal the principal's ruling to the superintendent of schools, who will finalize the deci-

sion.

PROCEDURES FOR LONG-TERM SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS: The building principal is responsible for providing the student and parent:

1. Written notice, in the dominant language of the home, of the charges affecting the suspension/expulsion and of the right to a formal hearing before the principal, as well as the right to be represented by counsel or other advocate of choice (at the student's expense);
2. Adequate time to prepare for the hearing;
3. Access to documented evidence before the hearing;
4. The right to present evidence and/or witnesses;
5. The right to question the district's witnesses except when there is information indicating that doing so may put said witnesses at risk of harm;
6. A prompt decision, written in the dominant language of the home, including specific grounds for the decision and any reasonable conditions which must be met to ensure the student's return. The letter will include the student's right to appeal to the superintendent within ten (10) days from the date of the receipt of the notification of the suspension/expulsion.

The principal will notify the superintendent in writing. The superintendent will in turn inform the school committee, without identifying the student, of the facts and circumstances surrounding the suspension/expulsion.

LONG TERM SUSPENSION - DEFINITION: Long-term suspension is the removal of a student from his/her educational program for more than ten (10) consecutive school days but no more than forty-five (45) consecutive school days.

EXPULSION DEFINITION: Expulsion is the exclusion of a student from school either permanently or for the remainder of the school year.

APPEAL TO SUPERINTENDENT

1. Upon receiving written notice of a request for an appeal within ten (10) days of the notification of expulsion, the superintendent shall schedule a hearing at which time the student may be represented by counsel (at the student's expense) and present oral and written testimony on his/her behalf.

2. The superintendent shall render a written decision in the dominant language of the home. Such ruling will be the final decision of the school district.

ADMISSION OF EXPELLED STUDENTS: When a student is expelled, no school or school district within the Commonwealth shall be required to admit such student or to provide educational services to said student. If said student does apply for admission to another school or school district, the superintendent of the school district to which the application is made may request and shall receive from the superintendent of the school expelling said student a written statement of the reason for said expulsion.

DISCIPLINING STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: All students are expected to meet the requirements for behavior as set forth in this handbook. Chapter 766 requires that additional provisions be made for students who have been found by an evaluation team to have special needs and whose program is described in an Individualized Educational Plan (I.E.P.). The following additional requirements apply to the discipline of special needs students:

1. The I.E.P. for every special needs student will indicate whether the student can be expected to meet the regular discipline code or if the student's handicapping condition requires a modification. Any modification will be described in the I.E.P.
2. The principal (or designee) will notify the special education office of the suspendable offense of a special needs student and a record will be kept of such notices.
3. When it is known that the suspension(s) of a special needs student will accumulate to ten days in a school year, a review of the I.E.P. as provided in Section 333 of the Chapter 766 Regulations will be held to determine the appropriateness of the student's placement or program. The team will make a finding as to the relationship between the student's misconduct and his/her handicapping condition and will either:
 - a. Design a modified program for the student;
 - b. Write an amendment to provide for the delivery of needed modifications of the I.E.P. relative to discipline code expectations. In addition, the Department of Education will be notified as required by law, request-

ing approval of the alternative plan to be followed.

POSITIVE REWARDS OF THE DISCIPLINE SYSTEM: There are many positive rewards that students may obtain due to proper behavior. One such reward is access to the Renaissance program. Another is access to the National Honor Society. The privilege of bringing a motor vehicle to school will be awarded to those exhibiting proper behavior. Consult the Student Guide for details on these privileges.

STUDENT DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE: In instances of student/drug/alcohol use and abuse, the role of the schools is basically educational. The following regulations have been established to help assure the welfare of individual students as well as the general welfare of the school population:

1. In accordance with existing state and federal laws, the civil rights of all students under investigation for drug/alcohol possession or use will be protected to the fullest extent possible by the administration.
2. The intent of the drug/alcohol policy is rehabilitative rather than punitive.

Any student or parent/guardian who seeks guidance on a drug/alcohol problem from any school administrator, counselor, teacher or other staff person will be provided with such guidance without disciplinary action as long as the student is not observed on school grounds selling, possessing, or using alcohol or drugs. When confronted by a student, who is seeking guidance, staff will follow the procedure outlined below:

Refer the student to an appropriate agency; Exercise appropriate judgment in making parental contact with consideration for the student's wishes; Notify the building principal of any drug/alcohol counseling in order to coordinate all possible means of assistance available.

Responsibilities: Refer to Zero Tolerance:

1. In all cases of suspension or expulsion for drug/alcohol-related acts, there must be a conference with the school administration by the parent or guardian of the student prior to reinstatement of the student. Students who are subjected to suspension or expulsion for drug/alcohol-related problems may request a hearing with the superintendent.

II. Teachers, counselors and staff will be cognizant of drug problems and use professional judgment in observing students concerning drug/alcohol use and/or possession.

A. Any staff member who observes a student in possession of alcohol or drugs will be required to inform the building principal immediately.

B. Any staff person who is reasonably convinced that a student is under the influence of drugs/alcohol should use the following procedure:

1. Notify the substance abuse counselor immediately. In the event that the substance abuse counselor is not present, the building principal or his/her designee should be notified immediately.
2. If the substance abuse counselor feels the illness is drug/alcohol-related, he/she will notify the building principal or his/her designee.
3. First aid will be administered as necessary and as prescribed by law.
4. If a parent/guardian cannot be contacted and the illness persists, the school nurse will contact the family physician or school physician and follow his/her direction. If no physician can be contacted, the nurse will arrange to hospitalize the student.

Administrators:

1. Administrators who find a student in possession of alcohol, suspected drug material or narcotic devices will do the following:

- A. Ask police to identify the suspected materials.
- B. Notify the student's parents/guardians if the analysis demonstrates the presence of alcohol or drugs.
- C. The principal may also take any other action deemed appropriate at this time.
- D. Student lockers may be searched by the building principal or his/her designee when there is sufficient reason to believe that a student is concealing illegal drugs/alcohol.

II. When an administrator is reasonably convinced a student is under the influence of drugs or alcohol, he/she should take the following steps:

- A. The administrator will contact the substance

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abuse counselor and/or nurse and then the parents/guardians.

B. Following contact with the parents/guardians, the administrator, with the advice of the substance abuse counselor and/or nurse, will decide whether the student should remain in school or to be taken home by the parents or guardians.

C. Any notification of appropriate law enforcement agencies will be the responsibility of the building principal or his/her designee.

Breath Analyzer: When there is reason to suspect that a student has been consuming or is under the influence of alcohol in school, on school property or at a school-sponsored event, a breathalyzer test may be administered by school officials. If a student is tested and the result of the test is positive, the student will be disciplined according to the discipline policies outlined in the Agawam High School Student Guide.

If a student refuses the breathalyzer test or fails to cooperate in the breathalyzer testing procedure, such action will result in a finding that the student is under the influence of alcohol and the student will be disciplined according to the discipline policies outlined in the Agawam High School Student Guide.

Parents/Guardians: Because supportive action by the parents/guardians is crucial to the success of any counseling, the parents/guardians will be encouraged to contact the principal if they are concerned about their child's possible drug/alcohol-related behavior, and the principal will encourage the parents/guardians to become involved in any aspect of drug/alcohol counseling deemed desirable.

DRESS/GROOMING: It is expected that students will exercise good taste in dress and in grooming. Dress and grooming which interfere with the educational process or which endanger the health or safety of the individual student or of the student body will not be tolerated. Articles of clothing sexually and racially demeaning to others or bearing advertising or the promoting of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products or illegal drugs may not be worn.

Hats, visors, bandanas, headbands, or similar head covering may not be worn or visibly displayed in school upon entering the building, throughout the school day, and until the students exit the building for the remainder of the day. The principal must approve exception for religious and disability reasons.

ATTENDANCE/TARDINESS/DISMISSALS: Agawam High School is committed to providing quality education to all students. As reflected by the philosophy of Agawam High School and the community, education is a key factor for success and can only be achieved through regular class attendance, student participation and academic achievement. All students will be given subject expectations and classroom procedure statements by their classroom teachers. The expectation sheets will describe the subject curriculum to be covered and the grading system which will include a participation assessment. Constant monitoring of attendance will take place each class period. Teachers will exercise careful judgement when deciding if an absence is excusable or non-excusable.

Long-term illness: Student is given a home tutor. This is the only exception. If the student qualifies for a tutor, he/she does not lose credit.

Daily attendance is recorded at the beginning of period 1 by the period 1 class teacher.

Tardiness to school/class: Students arriving after the tardy bell at 7:25 A.M. must report directly to the office to sign in tardy. A student who fails to sign into school will be assigned one internal suspension. Students that report to school tardy must present upon arrival their picture identification card. If a student does not have his/her identification card, that student will receive a detention.

Each semester when a student is tardy for the sixth time to school/class and each time thereafter, that student will be assigned one internal suspension. A student who is continually tardy will be assigned an external suspension.

Under certain circumstances a student will be required to bring a parent/guardian to school.

ANY STUDENT WHO IS TARDY TO SCHOOL 30 MINUTES OR MORE MUST PRESENT A NOTE FROM A PARENT OR GUARDIAN WITH A PHONE NUMBER WHERE THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN CAN BE REACHED.

A PARENT OR GUARDIAN TELEPHONE CALL

TO AN ADMINISTRATOR EXPLAINING THE TARDY IS ACCEPTABLE.

IF A STUDENT FAILS TO FOLLOW THE PROCEDURE, HE/SHE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SIGN INTO SCHOOL.

Class absence reports (slips): A student, upon receiving the student copy of an Absence Report (slip), is being notified of a questioned absence. It is the student's responsibility to clear the absence with the teacher in question within twenty-four hours of the absence. This must be accomplished on the student's own time, not class time. If the absence is not cleared, it will be assumed that the student skipped. Penalties will be imposed as indicated in the Student Guide.

Dismissals from school: All dismissals must be written on the proper form available in the front and center offices. These forms must be properly filled out and signed by a parent or guardian. All dismissal requests must be presented to the appropriate administrator by 7:20 A.M. A dismissed student must sign out in the office and sign in again if he/she returns the same day. Evidence must be presented verifying the need for the dismissal.

Such as: Medical appointment - appointment card; Driver's license or learner's permit - proper phone number to validate; Court appointment - court appointment letter; Bereavement - number to verify; Scholarship or college interview - letter of verification. (Those without a license must be picked up by a parent or guardian in the center office.)

If you are ill, report to the nurse for a dismissal slip, and then bring the dismissal slip to the office so the dismissal may be recorded. If the nurse is not in the building, permission must be obtained in the office. In any event, if you are ill, you may not leave school without permission; to do so is considered truancy.

Attendance and participation in extracurricular activities: A student must be present at least one full day immediately preceding an extracurricular activity in order to participate in that activity.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: CHAPTER 140: SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL ZONES (140-1 UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS IN SCHOOLS OR SCHOOL ZONES):

LOITERERS AND TRESPASSERS:

A. No person not being a student or employee of a school and not having a legitimate, specific reason for being there and not having written or oral permission from the school principal or his/her designee, shall remain in or about any school ground or any public property or way immediately adjacent there to during school hours.

B. No person not being a student or employee of a school shall congregate or stand in or in front or in back or to the side of any school playground or, without written or oral permission from the school principal or his/her designee, shall use any school playground or facilities thereon during school hours.

C. Persons shall not congregate or stand on any public way or public property, or in front or in back or to the side of any kindergarten, primary, elementary or secondary school with the purpose of annoying or molesting the students or employees thereof, or hinder, obstruct, prevent or disrupt the normal functions carried on therein, or prevent students or employees from entering or leaving the school.

D. No person not being a student or employee of a school, while on school property or on public property adjacent to a school, shall distribute to students or throw, deposit, or discard any handbills, literature, brochures, or other papers or articles of any kind, unless such person has received written or oral permission from the school principal or his/her designee.

E. No person shall post or affix handbills, posters, political signs, or articles of any kind promoting business or organizations to any building, tree, fence or other structure on school grounds without written or oral permission from the school principal or his/her designee.

NONDISCRIMINATION: Chapter 622 of the Acts of 1971 (M. G. L. 76:5), referred to as "An Act to Prohibit Discrimination in the Public Schools," states in part: "No person shall be excluded from or discriminated against in admission to a public school of any town, or in obtaining the advantages, privileges, and courses of study of such public school on account of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, or sexual orientation."

This law makes it clear that all aspects of public school education must be fully open and available to

members of both sexes and minority groups. No school may exclude a student from any course, activity, service or resource available in that public school on account of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, or sexual orientation of such child.

On June 24, 1975, the State Board of Education approved regulations for Chapter 622. School admissions, admission to courses of study, guidance, course content, and extra-curricular and athletic activities are the five areas of school policy that the regulations address.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Chapter 622, contact your principal. Copies of the law and the regulations may be obtained from the Bureau of Equal Educational Opportunity, 182 Tremont Street, Boston, MA 02111 (617 272-5880).

Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 (P. L. 92-318) states in part: "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance..."

The Education for All Handicapped Children Act (P. L. 94-142 of 1975) requires the school system to provide a "free and appropriate education" to all handicapped children ages 3 through 21. This mandate is also a requirement of Massachusetts law.

The school committee affirms that it is in compliance with the above laws and that the school system does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, sexual orientation or handicap. This policy extends to present and prospective students and employees.

The school committee shall designate a school employee to serve as compliance officer of the school system's nondiscrimination programs. This person shall coordinate efforts to comply with state and federal regulations; investigate any complaint alleging non-compliance; and report any findings to the school committee through the superintendent. Parents/guardians, students, and staff members will also be notified of the proper state or federal agencies where they may register complaints.

NONDISCRIMINATION (Title IX and Handicap (Section 504))

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES FOR STUDENTS: Students fourteen years of age or older, who feel their rights have been violated under Title IX or Handicap (Section 504), are to contact: 1. Deputy superintendent; 2. Dean of students at Agawam High School.

If the grievance cannot be resolved by the dean of students, the following are to be contacted (in this order) to arrive at prompt and equitable resolutions of student complaints charging violations of Title IX or Handicap (Section 504): 1. Guidance counselor (in their building); 2. Deputy principal (in their building); 3. Principal (in their building); 4. Superintendent of schools; 5. School committee.

Students under fourteen years of age may have their parents/guardians grieve on their behalf in writing to their building principal. If the grievance cannot be resolved by the building principal, the following are to be contacted (in this order) to arrive at prompt and equitable resolutions of student complaints charging violations of Title IX or Handicap (Section 504): 1. Superintendent of schools; 2. School committee.

STATE LEGISLATION AND DISCIPLINE - CHAPTER 269: HAZING (Amended January 1988):

SECTION 17: Whoever is a principal organizer or participant in the crime of hazing, as defined herein, shall be punished by a fine of not more than three thousand dollars or by imprisonment in a house of correction for not more than one year, or both such fine and imprisonment.

The term "hazing" as used in this section and in sections eighteen and nineteen, shall mean any conduct or method of initiation into any student organization, whether on public or private property, which willfully or recklessly endangers the physical or mental health of any student or other person. Such conduct shall include whipping, beating, branding, forced calisthenics, exposure to the weather, forced consumption of any food, liquor, beverage, drug or other substance, or any other brutal treatment or forced physical activity which is likely to adversely affect the physical health or safety of any such student or person, or which subjects such student or other person to extreme mental stress,

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including extended deprivation of sleep or rest or extended isolation.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section to the contrary, consent shall not be available as a defense to any prosecution under this action.

SECTION 18: Whoever knows that another person is the victim of hazing as defined in section seventeen and is at the scene of such crime, shall, to the extent that such person can do so without danger or peril to himself or others, report such crime to an appropriate law enforcement official as soon as reasonably practicable. Whoever fails to report such a crime shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars.

SECTION 19: Each institution of secondary education and each public and private institution of post-secondary education shall issue to every student group, student team or student organization which is part of such institution or is recognized by the institution or permitted by the institution to use its name or facilities or is known by the institution to exist as an unaffiliated student group, student team or student organization, a copy of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen; provided, however, that an institution's compliance with this section's requirements that an institution issue copies of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen to unaffiliated student groups, teams or organizations shall not constitute evidence of the institution's recognition or endorsement of said unaffiliated student groups, teams, or organizations.

Each such group, team or organization shall distribute a copy of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen to each of its members, plebes, pledges or applicants for membership. It shall be the duty of each such group, team, or organization, acting through its designated officer, to deliver annually to the institution an attested acknowledgment stating that such group, team, or organization has received a copy of this section and said sections seventeen and eighteen, that each of its members, plebes, pledges, or applicants have received a copy of sections seventeen and eighteen, and that such group, team or organization understands and agrees to comply with the provisions of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen.

Each institution of secondary education and each public or private institution of post-secondary education shall, at least annually, before or at the start of the enrollment, deliver to each person who enrolls as a full-time student in such institution a copy of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen.

Each institution of secondary education and each public or private institution of post-secondary education shall file, at least annually, a report with the regents of higher education and in the case of secondary institutions, the board of education, certifying that such institution has complied with its responsibility to inform student groups, teams or organizations and to notify each full-time student enrolled by it of the provisions of this section and sections seventeen and eighteen and also certifying that said institution has adopted a disciplinary policy with regard to the organizers and participants of hazing, and that such policy has been set forth with appropriate emphasis in the student handbook or similar means of communicating the institution's policies to its students. The board of regents and, in the case of secondary institutions, the board of education shall promulgate regulations governing the content and frequency of such reports, and shall forthwith report to the attorney general any such institution which fails to make such report.

CONSEQUENCE: Suspension of one or more days at the discretion of the administrator adjudicating the case.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT: Pursuant to Title VII of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 151B, Section (18), unlawful discrimination on the basis of gender shall include, but not be limited to, sexual harassment. Sexual harassment is also prohibited in the workplace by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 151A, Section 25.

It is the policy of the school district, as well as state and federal law, that sexual harassment of a student, present or prospective employee, or visitor shall not be tolerated. Violation of this policy and of the law, if proven, will result in disciplinary action. Any person who believes that he/she has been the victim of sexual harassment may seek redress through the sexual

harassment complaint procedure.

Sexual harassment means any unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when: (a) submission to or rejection of such advances, requests or conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of the provision of the benefits, privileges or placement services or as the basis for the evaluation of academic achievement; or (b) submission to or rejection of such advances, requests or conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of employment or as a basis for the evaluation of employment achievement; or (c) such advances, requests or conduct have the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's education or employment by creating an intimidating, hostile, humiliating or sexually offensive environment. (From M.G.L. C. 151C, S. 1E.)

Sexual harassment is not, by definition, limited to prohibited conduct by a male employee toward a female employee. Rather:

1. A man as well as a woman may be the victim of

sexual harassment, and a woman as well as a man may be the harasser.

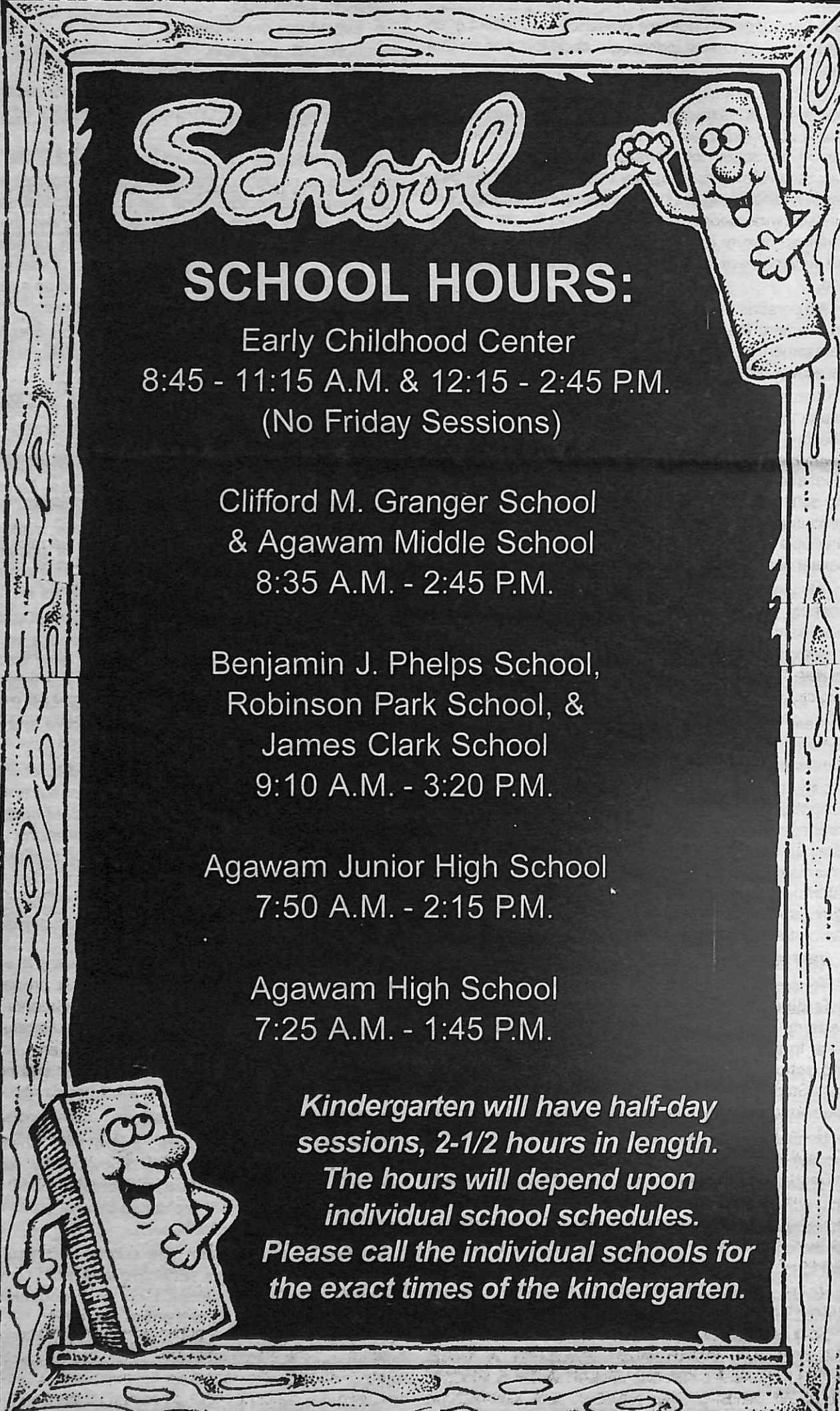
2. The victim does not have to be the opposite sex from the harasser.

3. The victim does not have to be the person at whom the unwelcome sexual conduct is directed. The victim may also be someone who is affected by such conduct when it is directed toward another person. For example, the sexual harassment of one female (or male) may create an intimidating, hostile or offensive working environment for another female (or male) student or interfere with the student's performance. The belief that such interference has occurred must be objectively reasonable. Examples of sexual harassment include, but are not limited to:

A. Demanding sexual favors accompanied by overt threats.

B. Engaging in reprisals (making negative statements about the victim's personal conduct, etc.) as a result of an individual's refusing to engage in social/sexual behavior.

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School

SCHOOL HOURS:

Early Childhood Center
8:45 - 11:15 A.M. & 12:15 - 2:45 P.M.
(No Friday Sessions)

Clifford M. Granger School
& Agawam Middle School
8:35 A.M. - 2:45 P.M.

Benjamin J. Phelps School,
Robinson Park School, &
James Clark School
9:10 A.M. - 3:20 P.M.

Agawam Junior High School
7:50 A.M. - 2:15 P.M.

Agawam High School
7:25 A.M. - 1:45 P.M.

Kindergarten will have half-day sessions, 2-1/2 hours in length. The hours will depend upon individual school schedules. Please call the individual schools for the exact times of the kindergarten.

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C. Contact with any sexual part of a student's body (e.g., touching, patting or pinching).

D. Touching any non-sexual part of the body (e.g., shoulder, etc.) after that person has verbally or otherwise indicated that such touching is unwanted.

E. Continuing to ask a person to socialize after that person has verbally or in writing indicated no interest in such activities.

F. Displaying sexually suggestive pictures, objects, cartoons, or posters after being told they are offensive.

G. Subtle pressure for sexual activities, e.g., continuing to write suggestive notes or letters or suggestive verbal statements after being informed they are unwelcome.

H. Verbal harassment or abuse; e.g., referring to or calling a person an endearing, demeaning or sexualized term, or making reference to a person's physical characteristic (e.g. pregnancy) when that person has verbally or in writing indicated to the harasser that she/he does not wish to be addressed or referred to in that manner.

I. Leering, i.e., prolonged staring, at a person's body.

J. Language in another's presence or conduct even if not directed to said individual - once it is known that she/he objects.

Each student is personally responsible for ensuring that she/he does not sexually harass any other student or any other individual in the school, for cooperating in the investigation of complaints of alleged sexual harassment by providing any information she/he possesses concerning the matters being investigated, and for otherwise cooperating with efforts to prevent and eliminate sexual harassment and to maintain a learning environment free from such unlawful discrimination.

All persons have the right to be free from sexual harassment (M.G.L. C. 214, S. 1C); therefore, sexual harassment in any form is strictly forbidden in school, on school grounds or at school-related activities.

Sexual harassment is prohibited conduct which can cause serious physical or psychological damage, affecting work or educational performance. Any student who believes she/he is a victim of sexual harassment should talk to an adult in a position of authority in the school as soon as possible. Students are strongly encouraged to explain the incident and ask for help. Students should avoid trying to solve the problem of sexual harassment alone.

All persons shall report knowledge of actual or reasonably suspected sexual harassment to the school administration.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT COMPLAINT PROCEDURE:

A formal complaint may be filed at any time by a student, employee, administrator, and/or applicant who believes that his/her rights as outlined in the sexual harassment policy have been violated. Each student, faculty member, administrator or staff member has an obligation to make every effort to resolve problems informally as they arise. All members of the school community are urged to resolve problems fairly and informally. If a suitable solution cannot be reached informally through independent means, a formal investigation may be initiated and appropriate disciplining action taken.

DEFINITIONS:

A complaint shall be an accusation by an individual that there has been a violation of the sexual harassment policy.

A. The individual should file a written statement of the complaint within thirty (30) days of the alleged harassment. The complaint should be filed with the superintendent of schools or, in the event that the superintendent is the alleged harasser, with the chairperson of the school committee.

B. Once the superintendent or chairperson receives the complaint, he/she shall conduct an appropriate investigation. At his/her discretion, the superintendent or the chairperson may designate some other individual to conduct the investigation.

C. Such investigation may consist of, but may not be limited to, the following actions:

1. Interview(s) with the individuals;
2. Interview(s) with the person(s) alleged to be the harasser(s);
3. Interviews with other employees or witnesses;

4. Interviews with other individuals at the discretion of the superintendent or chairperson.

5. Review of pertinent records.

D. Within a reasonable time after receipt of the complaint, the superintendent or chairperson shall inform the alleged harasser and the individual of his/her decision as to whether he/she finds the written allegations to be credible.

1. If the superintendent or chairperson determines that the allegations are not credible, the matter shall be closed. The superintendent or chairperson shall keep the documents, notes and other material from the investigation as a record for an appropriate period of time. The purpose for retaining this record is to enable the school district to prove that the appropriate investigation was conducted.

2. If the superintendent or chairperson determines that the allegations, or any part of the allegations, are credible, he/she shall take appropriate disciplinary action against the person(s) involved.

E. If the person filing the complaint or the person who is the subject of the complaint is not satisfied with the results of the complaint procedure, he/she may appeal for a hearing before the school committee.

MISCELLANEOUS:

A. Individuals are not limited to a formal complaint procedure but may seek relief from other agencies, including the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Massachusetts Commission against Discrimination, or the Office of Civil Rights of the Department of Education.

B. Any retaliatory action of any kind taken by an employee or student of the school district against any other employee or student of the school district as a result of that person's seeking redress under these procedures, cooperating in an investigation, or otherwise participating in any proceeding under these procedures is prohibited, and shall be regarded as a separate and distinct matter under this procedure.

C. All complaint proceedings will, to the greatest possible extent, be held in confidence by all persons directly or indirectly involved in them.

PENALTIES IN CASES OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT:

Remedial actions will depend on the severity of the incident(s). Because of the private nature of certain incidents, particularly those involving sexual harassment, and the emotional and moral complexities surrounding such issues, every effort will be made to resolve problems on an informal basis, if possible. When a complaint is resolved informally, only a short summary of the incident will be maintained on file.

An admission of guilt, an acknowledgment of verbal warning, a promise not to commit such abuse again, and action taken to provide appropriate relief for the individual may be sufficient resolution. At this informal state, it is hoped to sensitize the person at fault to the effects of such behavior, to be constructive and not unduly punitive in the disciplinary action.

If informal resolutions are not adhered to or if the allegations involve conduct for which informal resolutions are not appropriate, the superintendent or chairperson may deem it necessary to take appropriate action that can include formal letters of reprimand, suspension, discharge or other disciplinary action.

CONSEQUENCES: If the school administration determines that sexual harassment has actually taken place, in cases exclusively involving students, disciplinary and corrective action will occur to prevent any further incidents. The range of discipline and corrective action may include one or more of the following: 1. Apology to the victim; 2. Mandatory counseling; 3. Detention; 4. Short-term suspension; 5. Recommendation for long-term suspension hearing or expulsion hearing.

HATE CRIMES:

Conduct including threats, aggressive physical intimidation, and physical force motivated by racial, religious, ethnic, gender, sexual orientation, and disability bias is specifically prohibited by civil rights and hate crime laws in Massachusetts.

Injuries to victims from hate crimes can result in double felony violations. Effective law enforcement requires ongoing communication and cooperation between school officials and police agencies.

Students involved in hate crimes will be disciplined according to the discipline policies outlined in zero tolerance.

BUS: A School Bus Safety Program is conducted

each year for all students. Those who ride the bus should be aware of the following regulations:

1. Wait for the bus at the designated bus stop. Buses will stop only at authorized stops. Remain orderly and away from the street until the bus arrives. Students are not to play in the road, trespass on private property, or engage in behavior that could be dangerous to those at the bus stop.

2. If you must cross a highway to board the bus or to get back to your bus stop, wait until the bus driver signals that all is clear and that you may proceed to cross the highway. Always cross in front of the bus.

Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before boarding. Do not crowd toward the street and bus.

4. Enter the bus quietly and in an orderly manner. Proceed directly to a seat.

5. The driver has been instructed not to wait for you. Be on time.

6. Remain in your seat while the bus is moving. Students are not to change seats while the bus is in motion. Conditions may require specific seating arrangements. These arrangements are to be made by the driver and/or the principal only.

7. Leave and enter the bus only at the front entrance door except in the case of emergency. Emergency exit drills will be conducted during the school year to acquaint children with the methods of exit in emergencies.

8. Shouting or excessive loud talking is prohibited.

9. Undesirable remarks that stir up adverse behavior directed to the driver or other students are not allowed.

10. Horseplay is not permitted. Students are not to yell, move, or discharge any objects that will distract or prove offensive to the driver or other motorists and/or pedestrians. Throwing objects or articles is forbidden.

11. Eating, drinking beverages and smoking are not permitted on school buses.

12. Packages other than school materials will not be transported at any time.

13. Students are to remain seated at discharge points until the school bus has come to a complete stop. Leave quickly and orderly, one at a time.

14. Students must follow instructions given by the bus driver.

15. Damage to buses will not be tolerated. You are responsible for damage to your seat and area during your trip. Report any damage immediately to the bus driver.

16. Students entitled to transportation may ride only the bus assigned to and from school.

17. The Agawam School Committee reserves the right to refuse to transport any student who fails to observe rules and regulations or exhibits unacceptable conduct.

For the convenience of those who have reason to remain after school, there is a late bus leaving approximately at 2:45 on Monday through Thursday.

STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARDS ON SCHOOL BUSES:

Students in grades 9-12 are required to have identification cards issued by the school in order to ride school buses. These cards must be shown to the driver upon entering the bus. If the driver so requests, the cards must be surrendered by the student. Such a request will be made only if a disciplinary problem exists. The card will be returned to the student through the principal's office.

Cards are prepared during the first full week of school. There will be no charge for the first card. Transferred-in students will be issued a temporary bus pass by the principal. Lost cards must be replaced before the student will be allowed to ride.

DISCIPLINARY MEASURES:

The penalty for initial violation of bus rules will be a warning. A second offense will result in a loss of riding privileges for a period of five (5) school days. Any further problem will result in loss of transportation for a minimum of two months. Serious breeches of discipline such as fighting, abuse of the bus driver or other passengers, damage to the bus, or any other action constituting a threat to safety will result in immediate loss of riding privileges rather than a warning.

When a loss of riding privileges occurs, the student cannot ride the late bus. If loss of riding occurs as a result of misconduct on a late bus, day busing will also be denied.

Guidance news

Students enrolled in the Agawam Public Schools, grades 5-12, have been assigned a guidance counselor. At the middle and junior high schools, students are assigned by grade level: grades 5 & 6 - Mr. Thomas Dacey; grade 7 - Mr. Dennis Moran; grade 8 - Mrs. Jeanne Trinqu.

Students at the senior high school are assigned to one of the following counselors: Mr. Alan Cohen; Mrs. Judith Cohen; Mrs. Ann Marie Gould; Mr. Francis Meagher; or Mrs. Jane Williams. At all schools, any guidance counselor will assist your child if the need arises.

Counseling of students occurs on a regular basis and includes such areas as academic progress, individual programming, adjustment problems, career and vocational information, orientation of new students, and referrals of students with special needs. The counselors also arrange, administer, and interpret standardized tests. This information is available upon request.

Parents may request parent-teacher conferences and homework assignments during a period of absence, and progress reports. In addition, guidance counselors at the senior high school offer information concerning scholarships, financial aid, and college applications. They also provide referral services to the Agawam High School Career Center regarding career planning. The guidance counselors sincerely encourage parents to avail themselves of these services and to contact the guidance counselors at any time concerning their children.

Entrance age

The Massachusetts Department of Education requires that children be permitted to enter kindergarten in September of the calendar year in which they reach age five. It is the Agawam School Committee's policy to:

1. Admit a child to kindergarten if he/she is five years-old prior to October 1st of the school year in which he/she cares to enroll, and...
2. Admit a child to first grade if he/she is six years-old prior to October 1st of the school year in which he/she cares to enroll.

Students who attend a kindergarten program in a public school system outside Agawam, or who attend a kindergarten program approved by the superintendent, may be allowed to enter first grade if Agawam school officials determine that it would be educationally appropriate.

Agawam Jr. High to hold "Seventh-Grade Orientation Night"

In an effort to welcome and familiarize incoming seventh-grade students with their new school, the Agawam Junior High School will conduct a "Seventh-Grade Orientation Night" on Tuesday, September 4th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Junior High auditorium.

At that time, students and parents will have the opportunity to tour the building and to acquaint themselves with school policies and programs as reviewed by school Principal Kevin C. Littlefield and Assistant Principal Marc V. Costanzi.

To make it easier for seventh-graders on opening day, signs stating teachers' names and room numbers will be placed throughout the building, and additional teachers will be assigned to homerooms to help with lockers and class schedules.

Both seventh- and eighth-grade students will attend opening-day classes on Wednesday, September 5th.

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Newly hired teachers for the Agawam School System for 2001-2002

HIGH SCHOOL

Christopher Benjamin, Integrated Science (Gr. 9)
David Collamore, Math
Adriana Gallo, Math
Melanie Lallier, Alternative Learning Program
Daniel Pryce, 5/7 Physical Education
Shawn Rumprik, Science
Julia Santa, 4/7 MCAS Math Teacher
Cheryl Santagate-Sutton, 1/2 Time Science
Cherri Stefanik, Math

JR. HIGH SCHOOL

Carol Brennan, Instruc. Tech./Business
Lenora Desrosiers, French (Gr. 7 & 8)
Amy Fitzgerald, DLC (Gr. 7 & 8)
Anastasia Moysis, Health 7
Anita Quinn, English (Part Time)

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Celeste Basile, Grade 5
Nancy Campbell, Title Math (Gr. 5 & 6)

Michelle Cecchi, Resource Rm. (Gr. 5 & 6)
Lynn-Ann Goodrow, Grade 5
Catherine LeMay, Grade 6
Carol Patrick, Lang.-Based (Gr. 6)
Kerry Rondinelli, Grade 6
Lisa Rougeot, Instruc. Tech. (Gr. 5 & 6)
Zachary Scherpa, Instrumental Music/Band
Kristen Schmaelzle, Title I Math
Georgette Sharlow, Grade 6 Foreign Language

CLARK

Carolyn Jarvis, DLC

CLARK/GRANGER

Debra O'Malley, Music
Robyn Wayrynen, ESL

ROBINSON PARK

Julie Bailey, Grade 2
Sarah Barnett, Kindergarten

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your event. Thank your for your cooperation in this matter...**



AGAWAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Do you have questions about your preschooler? If you would like a screening or more information, please contact the Special Services Department.

- ☐ I would like a screening for my child.
- ☐ I would like to speak to a member of the Special Services Staff.
- ☐ I would like a copy of the Parent Handbook.

**PLEASE SEND TO: Special Services Office
760 Cooper Street
Agawam, MA 01001
Or Call 821-0557 For More Information.**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

ZIP _____

PHONE _____

- Philosophy Of The Agawam Public Schools -

The Agawam School Committee believes that innovation and change in education - both content and methods - are necessary for meeting the needs of our youth as they face life before them.

We also believe that education is best achieved when students become involved in experiences meaningful to their lives in today's world. We believe that the educational process should develop a feeling of self-worth and accomplishment.

We believe that equal educational opportunity is the right of all children without regard to race, creed, color, or national origin, and that all laws to this end should be followed promptly and effectively.

We further believe education should develop habits, attitudes, understanding, and skills necessary for a productive, satisfying life in civilized society. Each child should be helped to understand the duties and privileges of responsible citizenship as they relate to him or her as an individual and to the world community. We recognize the vast changes brought by increasing technology, population and urbanization. We request the advice and support of the citizens of the community, and especially the professional staff, as we endeavor to develop the attitudes and abilities of our youth.

AGAWAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Mayor Richard A. Cohen (Chair), Robert G. Doering (Vice Chair), Susan A. Pettazzoni (Secretary), Susan R. Dawson, Linda M. Galarneau, Teresa M. Kozloski, and Rosemary Sandlin.

MISSION OF MASSACHUSETTS PUBLIC EDUCATION: Massachusetts public education shall provide each and every child with the values, knowledge, and skills needed to achieve full potential in his or her personal and work life and to contribute actively to the civic and economic life of our diverse and changing democratic society. (October 26, 1992.)

SCHOOL CANCELLATIONS: In case of inclement weather and closing of school, notification will be given over WHYH, WMAS, WAQY, WWLP, and WGGB. Please DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOLS OR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES.

If there is school during bad weather, the FINAL DECISION CONCERNING SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MUST REST WITH THE PARENT. Children should be well-informed by their parents what they are to do in case school closes during regular school hours because of storm conditions.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS FOR WALKING STUDENTS: Children must be taught to assume responsibility for their own safety. Teach your child:

1. How to cross at intersections.
2. To always pause at the curb and look both ways before crossing.
3. To follow the signals and instructions of the crossing guards.
4. The safest route to and from school.
5. Never accept rides from strangers.
6. Not to loiter on the way to and from school.
7. To walk on the sidewalk only.

SCHOOL BUS RULES

1. Wait for the bus at the designated bus stop. Buses will stop only at authorized stops. Remain orderly and away from the street until the bus arrives. Students are not to play in the road, trespass on private property, or engage in behavior that could be dangerous to those at the bus stop.
2. If you must cross a highway to board the bus or to get back to your bus stop, wait until the bus driver signals that all is clear and that you may proceed to cross the highway. Always cross in front of the bus.
3. Wait until the bus comes to a complete stop before boarding. Do not crowd toward the street and bus.
4. Enter the bus quietly and in an orderly manner. Proceed directly to a seat.
5. The driver has been instructed not to wait for you. Be on time.
6. Remain in your seat while the bus is moving. Students are not to change seats while the bus is in motion. Conditions may require specific seating arrangements. These arrangements are to be made by the driver and/or the principal only.
7. Leave and enter the bus only at the front

entrance door, except in cases of emergency. Drills will be conducted during the school year to acquaint children with the methods of exit in emergencies.

8. Talking in a conversational voice and tone is permissible. Shouting or excessive loud talking is prohibited.

9. Undesirable remarks directed to the driver or other students and stirring up adverse behavior are not allowed.

10. Horseplay is not permitted. Students are not to yell, motion, or discharge any objects that will distract or prove offensive to the driver or other motorists and/or pedestrians.

11. EATING (including beverages) and SMOKING are NOT PERMITTED on school buses.

12. Packages other than school materials will not be transported at any time.

13. Remain seated at discharge points until the school bus has come to a complete stop. Leave quickly and orderly, one at a time.

14. Follow instructions given by the bus driver.

15. Damage to buses will not be tolerated. Students are responsible for damage to their seat and area during their trip. Any damage should be reported immediately to the driver.

16. Pupils entitled to transportation may ride only the bus assigned to and from school.

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REPORTING MISCONDUCT AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

1. Bus misconduct forms will be issued to each school bus driver. The school department will provide the forms to the school bus contractor.

2. When serious misbehavior occurs, the drivers will complete the form. It will then be turned in to the contractor or his/her representative who will review it and obtain any additional information required.

3. The contractor will send the form to the proper principal.

RIGHTS OF NON-CUSTODIAL PARENTS: A natural parent who is separated or divorced from the parent with legal custody of their child shall have the same rights as custodial parents, unless these rights have been limited by court action.

Prior to the awarding of legal custody by the court, the schools will assume that both parents retain equal rights in all areas, unless a legal temporary restraining order is presented to the school. Custodial parents who wish to limit these rights must provide the school with a copy of the relevant court document.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT AND SUPPORT: The Agawam Public Schools encourage the participation of parents/guardians in their child's education process. Academic achievement requires the combined efforts of the school and home.

To assist parents/guardians in monitoring the student's progress, parents/guardians will receive quarterly report cards. Parents/guardians seeking more

information can consult with their child's teacher(s) by requesting a conference. All Agawam schools schedule an Open House early in the school year. Parent/guardian teacher conferences are held during the year. Your child's school will provide more information concerning the dates of these evenings.

Parents/guardians, who wish to visit their child's classes, should contact the school's principal to arrange for a visitation date. Parents/guardians are encouraged to participate in the following organizations: Parent-Teacher Organization, School Improvement Council, School Volunteers.

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- I have the right to be treated with understanding in school. I have the responsibility not to laugh at others or hurt their feelings.

- I have the right to be safe in school. I have the responsibility to keep my hands and feet to myself and follow the school rules.

- I have the right to be myself in school. I have the responsibility to treat others equally and fairly.

- I have the right to learn in school and to be free to express my feelings, opinions, and ideas. I have the responsibility to do the best I can and respect others' opinions, feelings, and ideas.

- I have the right to learn and study in school. I have the responsibility to be respectful of other people's time.

- I have the right to a reasonable amount of teacher attention and help when needed in school. I have the responsibility not to be demanding of others and to use self-control.

- I have the right to use materials and property of the school. I have the responsibility to respect people and their property and to share what is ours.

TRANSFER STUDENTS: Students transferring to the Agawam School system must present proof of immunization upon entrance. No student shall be admitted to school unless properly immunized or such procedures have started.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: It is important that each child attend school regularly. Illness is the only legitimate excuse for absence. Parents/guardians are requested to send an explanatory note for each absence, tardiness, or dismissal. Parents/guardians should try to schedule dental or medical appointments after school hours.

DISMISSAL: A child will be dismissed from school only upon the written or verbal request of the parent. No pupil will be excused into the custody of any parents not properly identified. The principal of the school must be aware of the reason for dismissal.

SHARING INFORMATION: Emergency cards should be kept up to date. Please notify your child's school if there is a change in home address, telephone number, or place of employment.

Parents/guardians should inform teachers and the school office, in writing, of any changes of authorization for child pick-up, different bus schedule, etc. (Notify the bus driver, also, if there is any change.)

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM: A well-balanced

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lunch is provided in all Agawam schools. Milk is available to children who bring in their own lunch. Menus are posted in all schools and are also printed in local weekly newspapers.

Free and reduced lunches are available for all students who qualify. Applications are sent home annually during the first week of school. New students may apply upon enrollment.

APPROPRIATE DRESS: Parents should encourage their children to wear clothing that is clean, neat, and appropriate for school.

JEWELRY IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASSES: Jewelry is not to be worn during Physical Education classes, during any athletic team practice, or during any game play by student athletes. This policy was put in place for the safety of the students.

CHAIN OF COMMAND: If you have issues involving your child that you feel should be addressed, please follow the prescribed list in the chain of command - 1. Classroom Teacher; 2. Building Principal; 3. Superintendent of Schools; 4. School Committee; 5. State Department of Education.

766 REFERRALS: Prior to a 766 referral, a student may go through the process of the Teacher Assistance Team, which now exists in every building in the Agawam Public Schools.

Implemented in September, 1974, Chapter 766 mandates that each school system identify children between the ages of 3 and 21, who have a substantial disability (emotional, mental, physical, or learning), and to evaluate these needs on an individual flexible, non-discriminating basis. The school system then designs an educational plan that best meets the needs of each student evaluated. Chapter 766 also provides for the maximum involvement of parents and students 14 years and older in the Core process.

THE CHAPTER 766 PROCESS:

1. Referral - parents/guardians, school personnel, and/or others concerned with the child's welfare may refer.
2. Notice in the form of "Parents' Rights" sent to parents/guardians.
3. Pre-evaluation conference with the Core Chairperson.
4. Evaluation and assessment of student.
5. Core evaluation team conference with parents/guardians.
6. Development of educational plan.
7. Parental acceptance or rejection of the educational plan.
8. Implementation of child's educational plan.
9. Ongoing evaluations of the child's progress.

Regulations provide parents/guardians with the Process of Appeal should they choose to reject the educational plan as proposed by the Core Evaluation Team. Any inquiries you may have should be directed to the Director of Special Services.

The purpose of Chapter 766 and the goals of the Agawam Public Schools' special education program are to allow each child to grow and achieve at his/her level, to gain independence and self-reliance, and to return to the mainstream of the school society as soon as possible.

Disciplinary actions affecting special education students must comply with the terms and provisions of Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 766.

POLICY ON DISCIPLINING STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: All students are expected to meet the requirements for behavior as set forth in this handbook. Chapter 71B of the Massachusetts General

Laws, requires provisions be made for students who have been found by an evaluation TEAM to have special needs and whose program is described in an Individualized Educational Plan (IEP). The following additional requirements apply to the discipline of special needs students:

1. The IEP for every special needs student will indicate whether the student can be expected to meet the regular discipline code or if the student's handicapping condition requires a modification. Any modification will be described in the IEP.
2. The Principal (or designee) will notify the Special Education Office of the suspendable offense of a special needs student and a record will be kept of such notices.
3. When it is known that the suspension(s) of a special needs student will accumulate to 10 days in a school year, a review of the IEP as provided in Section 333 of the Chapter 766 Regulations will be held to determine the appropriateness of the student's placement or to the relationship between the student's misconduct and his/her handicapping condition and either:

- a) design a modified program for the student, or...
- b) write an amendment to provide for the delivery of special education services during the suspension and any modification of the IEP relative to discipline code expectations.

In addition, the Department of Education will be notified as required by law, and the procedures promulgated by the Department of Education for requesting approval of the alternative plan will be followed.

SECTION 504: Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 is a broad civil rights law that protects the rights of handicapped or disabled individuals in programs that receive federal funds.

Under this Act, a qualified disabled person is "one who has had a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits a major life activity, or has a record of such impairment or is regarded as disabled by others." Major life activities include the ability to care for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working. A disability need only limit ONE major life activity for an individual to be eligible.

Typically, students with disabilities who do not qualify for special education under Chapter 766 or IDEA, do qualify under Section 504. These disabilities might include students with Attention Deficit Disorder (AD/HD), students with AIDS, heart conditions, and other physical disabilities such as severe asthma, juvenile diabetes, severe arthritis, cerebral palsy, etc. All of these conditions under 504 allow a student to receive the necessary related services to make their education comparable to non-disabled students.

Services given to students under Section 504 are considered the responsibility of regular education, as they are not in need of basic skills help and can function with adjustments in the regular classroom.

HEALTH SERVICES: A registered nurse is available daily at each school. Serving as liaison between the home, school, and community agencies, he/she is available for conferences, health appraisals, and follow-ups. Vision and hearing tests are administered each year. State law requires yearly postural screening of grades 5-9. Parents/guardians are notified if defects are found and are urged to take their children to specialists for further examination.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS: State law requires physical examinations of school-age children every three or four years. If you obtain the required form from the school health care person before your visit to the doctor, it would be very helpful in keeping the stu-

dent's health record up to date.

The ideal time to record physical examinations is upon entrance to kindergarten, grade 3, grade 7, and grade 11. At the time of the physical, the doctor can also record the latest immunization, thereby keeping the school health records up to date.

TD Boosters - Please note that TD boosters are required every 10 years and proof of same must be recorded at school.

Communicable Disease Control - Parents/guardians should cooperate in preventing the spread of contagious disease by keeping children at home if there are signs of a cold, rash, skin eruptions, or other deviations from normal health. When a parent/guardian is in doubt, the family physician should be consulted.

Head Lice - Parents/guardians are urged to spot-check their child's head for the presence of lice or eggs. Positive findings must be reported to school health care personnel and health department immediately. Family physicians should be contacted concerning treatment. Children should not be sent to school until free of lice or eggs (nits). Periodic spot-checks of students will be made throughout the year by the school nurse.

MEDICATION POLICY: If it is necessary for a child to take medication during school hours, the following regulations are in effect in administering any medical preparations to students. The registered nurse will act according to the following guidelines:

* Before medications (including aspirins, cough medicine, etc.) are given to a student, the parent or guardian must present to the school a physician's written order for the medication and the authorization of the parent or guardian for the medication to be given. The authorization form will be filed with the student's medical file.

* The physician's orders for any medication to be administered will specify in writing the condition for which the drug is being given, name and amount of drug, time of administration, any relative side effects to be noted, and length of time during which the medication shall be administered. Medication to be given on a long-term basis must be reconfirmed with the prescribing physician each school year.

* The health care person is responsible for obtaining any additional information regarding the medication or for contacting the physician if there is a question concerning the appropriateness of administering the medication at school.

* Any medication to be given during school hours must be delivered directly to the health care person or building principal by the parent/guardian or a responsible adult.

* The medication must be delivered in and dispensed from the original container which has been properly labeled from the pharmacy. The label should contain name of patient, name and strength of medication, name of physician, date of original prescription, and directions for giving medication.

* No more than one month's supply of prescribed medication should be kept at school.

* All prescribed medication shall be stored in a securely locked area. Medication requiring refrigeration will be so stored.

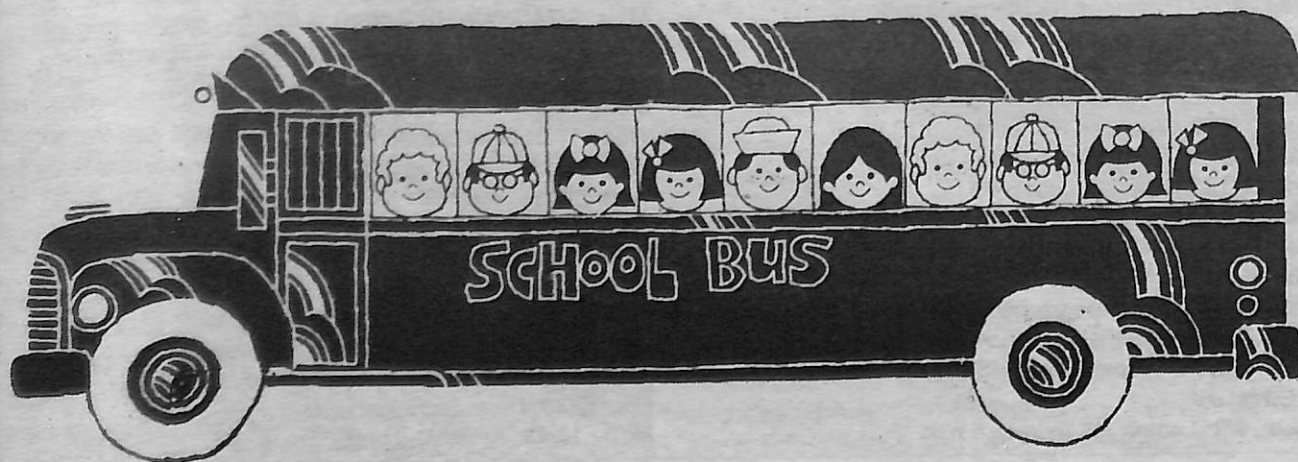
* Unused medication will be picked up by the parent/guardian or responsible adult or disposed of by the health care person. If a drug is disposed of, notation should be made of the date of discard. If medication is returned to a parent or responsible adult, a receipt shall be obtained by school personnel and included in the file.

* **Field Trips:** Dispensing of medication during field trips is the responsibility of the parent or guardian.

At the time the medication is prescribed by the physician, please inquire as to whether hours of administration of the medicine may be planned before or after school hours.

BICYCLES: Children are mandated by Massachusetts law to wear a helmet while riding a bicycle. Parents/guardians should familiarize youngsters with bicycle safety rules and the safest route to avoid potential hazards. The school reserves the right to revoke bike privileges for failure to observe established safety procedures.

Each bike rider should have a lock and chain for the bike and secure the bike upon arrival at school. Students may not ride bikes during school hours.



Agawam High School's athletic schedule for fall 2001

- GYMNASTICS -

* Girls' varsity

Wed., 9/19: Gateway/Chicopee Comp (away), 6 p.m.
 Tues., 9/25: Westfield/Hampshire (home), 6 p.m.
 Fri., 10/5: South Hadley/Pittsfield (away), 6 p.m.
 Thurs., 10/11: Amherst/Monument Mt. (home), 6 p.m.
 Mon., 10/15: Minnechaug/Pittsfield (away), 6 p.m.
 Tues., 10/23: Wahconah/South Hadley (home), 6 p.m.
 Fri., 10/26: Minnechaug/Comp (home), 6 p.m.
 Mon., 10/29: Hampshire/Amherst (away), 6 p.m.
 Fri., 11/2: Wahconah/Westfield (away), 6 p.m.
 Wed., 11/7: Monument Mt./Gateway (away), 6 p.m.

- CROSS COUNTRY -

* Boys' & girls' varsity

Mon., 9/10: East Longmeadow HS (away), 3:45 p.m.
 Fri., 9/14: Science & Technology HS (home), 3:45 p.m.
 Mon., 9/17: Longmeadow HS (home), 3:45 p.m.
 Wed., 9/26: Northampton HS (away), 3:45 p.m.
 Tues., 10/2: Holyoke/Minnechaug (away), 3:45 p.m.
 Tues., 10/9: Chicopee Comp/Westfield (home), 3:45 p.m.
 Fri., 10/12: West Springfield/Central (away), 3:45 p.m.
 Tues., 10/16: Ludlow HS (home), 3:45 p.m.
 Tues., 10/23: Cathedral HS (away), 3:45 p.m.
 Mon., 10/29: Amherst/Chicopee (away), 3:30 p.m.

- FIELD HOCKEY -

* Girls' varsity

Wed., 9/5: Franklin County Technical (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Mon., 9/10: Cathedral HS (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Wed., 9/12: Southwick-Tolland HS (home), 6:30 p.m.
 Thurs., 9/13: South Hadley (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Mon., 9/17: Ralph C. Mahar HS (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Wed., 9/19: Central HS (away), 4:00 p.m.
 Fri., 9/21: Minnechaug (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Mon., 9/24: Westfield HS (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Thurs., 9/27: East Longmeadow HS (home), 6:30 p.m.
 Mon., 10/1: Longmeadow HS (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Thurs., 10/4: West Springfield HS (home), 6:30 p.m.
 Mon., 10/8: Southwick-Tolland HS (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Wed., 10/10: Minnechaug (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Fri., 10/12: Westfield HS (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Tues., 10/16: East Longmeadow HS (away), 7 p.m.
 Thurs., 10/18: Longmeadow HS (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Wed., 10/24: West Springfield HS (away), 6:30 p.m.
 Thurs., 10/25: Central HS (home), 6 p.m.

* Girls' JV

Wed., 9/5: Franklin County Technical (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Mon., 9/10: Cathedral HS (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Wed., 9/12: Southwick-Tolland HS (home), 5 p.m.
 Thurs., 9/13: South Hadley (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Mon., 9/17: Ralph C. Mahar HS (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Fri., 9/21: Minnechaug (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Mon., 9/24: Westfield HS (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Thurs., 9/27: East Longmeadow HS (home), 5 p.m.
 Mon., 10/1: Longmeadow HS (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Thurs., 10/4: West Springfield HS (home), 5 p.m.
 Mon., 10/8: Southwick-Tolland HS (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Wed., 10/10: Minnechaug (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Fri., 10/12: Westfield HS (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Tues., 10/16: East Longmeadow HS (away), 5:30 p.m.
 Thurs., 10/18: Longmeadow HS (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Wed., 10/24: West Springfield HS (away), 5 p.m.

* Girls' freshman

Fri., 9/14: Longmeadow HS (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Fri., 9/21: East Longmeadow HS (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Thurs., 9/27: East Longmeadow HS (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Mon., 10/1: Longmeadow HS (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Tues., 10/2: East Longmeadow HS (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Wed., 10/10: Longmeadow HS (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Tues., 10/16: East Longmeadow (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Thurs., 10/18: Longmeadow HS (away), 3:30 p.m.

- FOOTBALL -

* Boys' varsity

Fri., 9/7: Chicopee Comp HS (away), 7 p.m.
 Fri., 9/14: Central HS (away), 7 p.m.
 Fri., 9/21: Northampton HS (home), 7 p.m.
 Fri., 9/28: Amherst (away), 7 p.m.
 Fri., 10/5: Holyoke HS (home), 7 p.m.
 Fri., 10/12: Westfield HS (away), 7 p.m.
 Sat., 10/20: Cathedral HS (away), 1:30 p.m.
 Fri., 10/26: Chicopee HS (home), 7 p.m.
 Fri., 11/02: Longmeadow HS (home), 7 p.m.
 Fri., 11/09: Minnechaug (away), 7 p.m.
 Thurs., 11/22: West Springfield HS (home), 10:00 a.m.

* Boys' JV

Mon., 9/10: Chicopee Comp HS (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Mon., 9/17: Central HS (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Mon., 9/24: Northampton HS (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Mon., 10/1: Amherst (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Mon., 10/8: Holyoke HS (home), 10 a.m.
 Mon., 10/15: Westfield HS (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Mon., 10/22: Cathedral HS (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Mon., 10/29: Chicopee HS (home), 3:30 p.m.

Sat., 11/03: Longmeadow HS (home), 10 a.m.

Mon., 11/12: Minnechaug (away), 11 a.m.

* Boys' freshman

Fri., 9/14: Central HS (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Fri., 9/21: East Longmeadow HS (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Fri., 9/28: Chicopee Comp HS (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Fri., 10/5: Holyoke HS (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Fri., 10/12: Westfield HS (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Fri., 10/19: Cathedral HS (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Fri., 10/26: Chicopee HS (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Fri., 11/02: Longmeadow HS (away), 3 p.m.
 Fri., 11/09: Minnechaug (home), 3 p.m.

- GOLF -

* Boys' varsity

Wed., 9/5: Sci-Tech (away), 3 p.m.
 Thurs., 9/6: East Longmeadow HS (home), 3 p.m.
 Mon., 9/10: Cathedral HS (away), 3 p.m.
 Tues., 9/11: Chicopee Comp HS (home), 3 p.m.
 Wed., 9/12: Minnechaug (home), 3 p.m.
 Thurs., 9/13: Southwick-Tolland HS (home), 3 p.m.
 Mon., 9/17: Longmeadow HS (away), 3 p.m.
 Wed., 9/19: Ludlow HS (home), 3 p.m.
 Wed., 9/26: Cathedral HS (home), 3 p.m.
 Thurs., 9/27: Westfield HS (home), 3 p.m.
 Fri., 9/28: West Springfield HS (away), 3 p.m.
 Mon., 10/1: Minnechaug (away), 3 p.m.
 Wed., 10/3: Longmeadow HS (home), 3 p.m.
 Tues., 10/9: Holyoke HS (away), 3 p.m.
 Wed., 10/10: Ludlow HS (away), 3 p.m.
 Thurs., 10/11: Central HS (home), 3 p.m.
 Mon., 10/15: Amherst (away), 3 p.m.
 Tues., 10/16: South Hadley (home), 3 p.m.
 Thurs., 10/18: West Springfield HS (home), 3 p.m.

- SOCCER -

* Boys' varsity

Tues., 9/4: Central High School (home), 5 p.m.
 Fri., 9/7: Chicopee HS (away), 5 p.m.
 Wed., 9/12: Amherst (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Mon., 9/17: Holyoke HS (home), 6:30 p.m.
 Mon., 9/24: East Longmeadow HS (home), 6:30 p.m.
 Wed., 9/26: Cathedral HS (home), 6:30 p.m.
 Fri., 9/28: Westfield HS (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Mon., 10/1: West Springfield HS (away), 7:15 p.m.
 Fri., 10/5: Chicopee Comp HS (away), 7 p.m.
 Tues., 10/9: Chicopee HS (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Wed., 10/10: Minnechaug (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Fri., 10/12: Amherst (home), 4 p.m.
 Mon., 10/15: Holyoke HS (away), 6:30 p.m.
 Tues., 10/16: Ludlow HS (away), 6:30 p.m.
 Thurs., 10/18: Minnechaug (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Mon., 10/22: East Longmeadow HS (away), 7 p.m.
 Wed., 10/24: Westfield HS (home), 7 p.m.
 Fri., 10/26: Chicopee Comp HS (home), 3:30 p.m.

* Girls' varsity

Wed., 9/5: Ludlow HS (home), 6:30 p.m.
 Tues., 9/11: Cathedral HS (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Thurs., 9/13: Westfield HS (away), 7 p.m.
 Mon., 9/17: Holyoke HS (away), 7 p.m.
 Wed., 9/19: Pittsfield HS (home), 4:30 p.m.
 Fri., 9/21: Central HS (away), 7 p.m.
 Tues., 9/25: Longmeadow HS (home), 6:30 p.m.
 Thurs., 9/27: Amherst (home), 4 p.m.
 Fri., 9/28: Westfield HS (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Mon., 10/1: West Springfield HS (away), 5:30 p.m.
 Wed., 10/3: Minnechaug (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Fri., 10/5: East Longmeadow HS (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Tues., 10/9: West Springfield HS (home), 6:30 p.m.
 Thurs., 10/11: Central High School (home), 3 p.m.
 Tues., 10/16: Holyoke HS (home), 6:30 p.m.
 Fri., 10/19: East Longmeadow HS (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Tues., 10/23: Minnechaug (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Thurs., 10/25: Amherst (away), 3:30 p.m.

* Boys' JV

Tues., 9/4: Central High School (home), 5 p.m.
 Fri., 9/7: Chicopee HS (away), 5 p.m.
 Wed., 9/12: Amherst (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Mon., 9/17: Holyoke HS (home), 5 p.m.
 Mon., 9/24: East Longmeadow HS (home), 5 p.m.
 Wed., 9/26: Cathedral HS (home), 5 p.m.
 Fri., 9/28: Westfield HS (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Mon., 10/1: West Springfield HS (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Fri., 10/5: Chicopee Comp HS (away), 5:30 p.m.
 Tues., 10/9: Chicopee HS (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Wed., 10/10: Minnechaug (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Fri., 10/12: Amherst (home), 4 p.m.
 Mon., 10/15: Holyoke HS (away), 5 p.m.
 Tues., 10/16: Ludlow HS (away), 5 p.m.
 Thurs., 10/18: Minnechaug (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Mon., 10/22: East Longmeadow HS (away), 5:30 p.m.
 Wed., 10/24: Westfield HS (home), 5:30 p.m.
 Fri., 10/26: Chicopee Comp HS (home), 3:30 p.m.

* Girls' JV

Wed., 9/5: Ludlow HS (home), 5 p.m.

Tues., 9/11: Cathedral HS (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Thurs., 9/13: Westfield HS (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Mon., 9/17: Holyoke HS (away), 5:30 p.m.
 Wed., 9/19: Pittsfield HS (home), 4:30 p.m.
 Fri., 9/21: Central HS (away), 5:30 p.m.
 Tues., 9/25: Longmeadow HS (home), 5 p.m.
 Thurs., 9/27: Amherst (home), 4 p.m.
 Fri., 9/28: Westfield HS (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Mon., 10/1: West Springfield HS (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Wed., 10/3: Minnechaug (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Fri., 10/5: East Longmeadow HS (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Tues., 10/9: West Springfield HS (home), 5 p.m.
 Thurs., 10/11: Central High School (home), 3 p.m.
 Tues., 10/16: Holyoke HS (home), 5 p.m.
 Fri., 10/19: East Longmeadow HS (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Tues., 10/23: Minnechaug (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Thurs., 10/25: Amherst (away), 3:30 p.m.

* Boys' freshman

Tues., 9/4: Central High School (away), 4:30 p.m.
 Wed., 9/12: Amherst (home), 4 p.m.
 Fri., 9/14: Ludlow HS (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Mon., 9/17: Holyoke HS (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Mon., 9/24: East Longmeadow HS (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Wed., 9/26: Cathedral HS (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Fri., 9/28: Westfield HS (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Mon., 10/1: West Springfield HS (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Fri., 10/5: Central HS (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Wed., 10/10: Minnechaug (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Fri., 10/12: Amherst (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Mon., 10/15: Holyoke HS (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Thurs., 10/18: Minnechaug (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Mon., 10/22: East Longmeadow HS (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Wed., 10/24: Westfield HS (away), 3:30 p.m.

* Girls' freshman

Wed., 9/5: Ludlow HS (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Tues., 9/11: Cathedral HS (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Thurs., 9/13: Westfield HS (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Mon., 9/17: Holyoke HS (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Fri., 9/21: Central HS (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Tues., 9/25: Longmeadow HS (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Thurs., 9/27: Amherst (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Fri., 9/28: Westfield HS (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Mon., 10/1: West Springfield HS (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Wed., 10/3: Minnechaug (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Fri., 10/5: East Longmeadow HS (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Tues., 10/9: West Springfield HS (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Thurs., 10/11: Central High School (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Tues., 10/16: Holyoke HS (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Fri., 10/19: East Longmeadow HS (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Tues., 10/23: Minnechaug (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Thurs., 10/25: Amherst (home), 4 p.m.

- VOLLEYBALL -

* Girls' varsity

Mon., 9/10: Belchertown HS (home), 6 p.m.
 Wed., 9/12: Commerce HS (home), 4:30 p.m.
 Fri., 9/14: Minnechaug (away), 4:30 p.m.
 Mon., 9/17: Ludlow HS (home), 4:30 p.m.
 Fri., 9/21: East Longmeadow HS (away), 4:30 p.m.
 Mon., 9/24: Ware HS (home), 4:30 p.m.
 Tues., 9/25: Ralph C. Mahar HS (away), 4:30 p.m.
 Fri., 9/28: Longmeadow HS (away), 4:30 p.m.
 Mon., 10/1: Amherst (away), 4:30 p.m.
 Wed., 10/3: Belchertown HS (away), 5 p.m.
 Fri., 10/5: Minnechaug (home), 4:30 p.m.
 Tues., 10/9: Westfield HS (home), 4:30 p.m.
 Fri., 10/12: Ludlow HS (away), 4:30 p.m.
 Mon., 10/15: East Longmeadow HS (home), 4:30 p.m.
 Wed., 10/17: Athol HS (home), 4:30 p.m.
 Thurs., 10/18: Ware HS (away), 4:30 p.m.
 Mon., 10/22: West Springfield HS (away), 6 p.m.
 Wed., 10/24: Longmeadow HS (home), 4:30 p.m.
 Fri., 10/26: Dean Technical (away), 4:30 p.m.
 Mon., 10/29: Amherst (home), 6 p.m.

* Girls' JV

Mon., 9/10: Belchertown HS (home), 4 p.m.
 Wed., 9/12: Commerce HS (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Fri., 9/14: Minnechaug (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Mon., 9/17: Ludlow HS (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Fri., 9/21: East Longmeadow HS (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Mon., 9/24: Ware HS (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Tues., 9/25: Ralph C. Mahar HS (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Fri., 9/28: Longmeadow HS (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Mon., 10/1: Amherst (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Wed., 10/3: Belchertown HS (away), 4 p.m.
 Fri., 10/5: Minnechaug (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Tues., 10/9: Westfield HS (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Fri., 10/12: Ludlow HS (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Mon., 10/15: East Longmeadow HS (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Wed., 10/17: Athol HS (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Thurs., 10/18: Ware HS (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Mon., 10/22: West Springfield HS (away), 5 p.m.
 Wed., 10/24: Longmeadow HS (home), 3:30 p.m.
 Fri., 10/26: Dean Technical (away), 3:30 p.m.
 Mon., 10/29: Amherst (home), 5 p.m.

School lunch program available from Agawam Schools

The Agawam Public Schools serve meals each school day. Children may buy lunch at the elementary schools and the Middle School for \$1.50; at the Junior and Senior High, lunch is \$1.75. (Milk is sold separately at 35 cents a carton.) Children also may get meals free or at a reduced price.

All meals served must meet patterns established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. However, if a child has been determined by a doctor to be handicapped and the handicap would prevent the child from eating the regular school meal, this school will make any substitutions prescribed by the doctor. If a substitution is needed, there will be no extra charge for the meal. If you believe your child needs substitutions because of a handicap, please get in touch with us for further information.

To get free or reduced-price meals for your child, you must complete an application and return it to the school. We cannot approve an application that is not complete. If you now get Food Stamps or TAFDC for your child, your child can get free meals. If your child has received a Meal Benefit Certificate from the Department of Transitional Assistance, you do not have to complete this application. Just sign the certificate and return it to your child's school. Your child will receive a free lunch.

If your total household income is the same or less than the amount on the Income Chart below, your child can get free meals or reduced-price meals. A foster child may get free or reduced-price meals regardless of your income. The reduced price is 40 cents for lunch.

INCOME CHART

Household Size	Annual Income	Monthly Income	Weekly Income
1	15,892	1,325	306
2	21,479	1,790	414
3	27,066	2,256	521
4	32,653	2,722	628
5	38,240	3,187	736
6	43,827	3,653	843
7	49,414	4,118	951
8	55,001	4,584	1,058
For Each Add'l Family Member	+5,587	+466	+108

HOW TO APPLY

If you now get Food Stamps or TAFDC for the child you are applying for, the application must have the child's name, a Food Stamp or TAFDC case number, and the signature of an adult household member. If you are applying for a foster child, the application must have the child's name, the child's "personal use" income, and an adult signature.

If you do not list a Food Stamp or TAFDC case number for the child you are applying for, then the application must have the child's name, the names of all other household members, the amount of income each person got last month and where it came from, the signature of an adult household member and that adult's Social Security Number, or the word "none" if the adult does not have a Social Security Number.

VERIFICATION: Your eligibility may be checked at any time during the school year. School officials may ask you to send papers showing that your child should get free or reduced-price meals.

FAIR HEARING: You may talk to school officials if you do not agree with the school's decision on your application or the results of verification. You also may ask for a fair hearing. You may do this by calling or writing: Donald J. Charest, Deputy Superintendent, 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030, (413) 821-0550.

REPORTING CHANGES: If your child gets free or reduced-price meals because of your income, you must tell the school if your household size decreases or your income increases by more than \$50 per month or \$600 per year. If your child gets meals because they get Food Stamps or TAFDC, you must tell the school when you are not getting TAFDC or Food Stamps for them. You may then fill out another application giving income information.

CONFIDENTIALITY: We will use the information on your application to decide if your child should get free or reduced-price meals. We may inform officials connected with Title I and the National Assessment of

Educational Progress whether your child is eligible for free or reduced-price meals. They will use this information for funding and/or evaluation purposes. Information may also be disclosed if you want the application to be used to get other benefits.

REAPPLICATION: You may apply for free or reduced-price meals anytime during the school year. If you are not eligible now but have a change, like a decrease in household income, an increase in household size, become unemployed, or get Food Stamps or TAFDC for your child, complete an application at that time.

In the operation of the Child Feeding Programs, no child will be discriminated against because of Race, Sex, Color, National Origin, Age, or Handicap. If you believe you have been discriminated against, write immediately to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

We will let you know when your application is approved or denied.



APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for free and reduced-price meals, complete the application using the instructions for your household. Sign the application and return the application to the school. Call the school if you need help.

PART 1 - STUDENT INFORMATION: All Households Must Complete This Part.

- (1) Print the name of the child you are applying for.
- (2) List the child's grade and school.

PART 2 - HOUSEHOLDS GETTING FOOD STAMPS OR AFDC: Complete This Part And Part 5.

- (1) List a current Food Stamp or AFDC case number for the child.
- (2) Sign the application in Part 5. An adult household member must sign. Skip Part 4 - DO NOT list names of household members or income if you list a Food Stamp or TAFDC case number.

PART 3 - HOUSEHOLDS WITH A FOSTER CHILD: Complete This Part And Part 5 - A foster child is the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court.

- (1) List the foster child's monthly "personal use" income. Write "0" if the foster child does not get "personal use" income. Skip Part 4 - DO NOT list any other children, household members, or income.
- (2) A foster parent or other official representing the child must sign the application in Part 5.

"Personal use" income is (a) money given by the welfare office identified by category for the child's personal use, such as for clothing, school fees, and allowances; and (b) all other money the child gets, such as money from his/her family and money from the child's full-time and regular part-time jobs.

PART 4 - ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS: Complete This Part And Part 5.

(1) Write the names of everyone in your household, whether they get income or not. Include yourself, the child you are applying for, all other children, your spouse, grandparents, and other related and unrelated people in your household. Use another piece of paper if you need more space.

(2) Write the amount of income each household member got last month, before taxes or anything else is taken out, and where it came from, such as earnings, welfare, pensions, and other income. If any amount last month was more or less than usual, write that person's usual monthly income.

(3) An adult household member must sign the application and give his/her Social Security Number in Part 5.

To Figure Monthly Income: Weekly x 4.33; Every 2 Weeks x 2.15; Twice a Month x 2.

PART 5 - SIGNATURE AND SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: All Households Complete This Part.

(1) All applications must have the signature of an adult household member.

(2) The application must have the Social Security Number of the adult who signs. If the adult does not have a Social Security Number, write "none" or something else to show that the adult does not have a Social Security Number. If you listed a Food Stamp or AFDC number for your child or if you are applying for a foster child, a Social Security Number is not needed.

PART 6 - RACIAL/ETHNIC IDENTITY: Complete the racial/ethnic identity question if you wish. You are not required to answer this question to get free or reduced-price meals. We need this information to make sure that everyone is treated fairly.

INCOME TO REPORT

Earnings From Work: Wages/salaries/tips; strike benefits; unemployment compensation; worker's compensation; net income from self-owned business or farm.

Welfare/Child Support/Alimony: Public assistance payments; welfare payments; alimony/child support payments.

Pensions/Retirement/Society Security: Pensions; supplemental security income; retirement income; veteran's payments; Social Security.

Other Income: Disability benefits; cash withdrawn from savings; interest/dividends; income from estates/trusts/investments; regular contributions from persons not living in the household; net royalties/annuities/net rental income; any other income.



AGAWAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

1305 SPRINGFIELD STREET
FEEDING HILLS, MA 01030

School Calendar 2001-2002

180 school days (students)

* 3 non-teaching day (teachers)

5 inclement weather days



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September							October						
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September 5 - Schools Open

October 8 - Columbus Day

* October 26 - Teacher In-Service Day

November 12 - Veterans' Day (Obsv.)

November 21-23 - Thanksgiving Vacation

December 21-28 - Winter Vacation

January 1 - New Year's Day

January 21 - Martin Luther King Day

February 18-22 - Mid-Winter Vacation

* March 15 - Teacher In-Service Day

March 29 - Good Friday

April 15-19 - Spring Vacation

May 27 - Memorial Day

June 27 - Schools Close